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VAUGH—In memory of Gordon Vaugh, died 26th December, 1917. Rests in American Cemetery, Meuse-Argonne, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France. "At evening time it shall be light."

MARRIAGES.

BOURKE and CAMPBELL—December 23, 1926, at the Presbyterian Church, Cavendish road, Belfast, by the Rev. George Patterson, Gerald H. Bourke, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bourke, 34 Botanic avenue, Belfast, to Margaret Campbell, second daughter of Mr. D. A. Campbell, Richmond Court, Headingley, Leeds.

McGHEE and WRIGHT—December 27, 1926, at Cookstown Methodist Church, by the Rev. Arthur I. Johnston, Charles Henry, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. McGhee, Ballyshannon, to Kathleen Frances Primrose, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Cookstown.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

BURNS—December 25, 1926, at The Woodlands, Wokingham, Berks., Mary Ferrier, elder daughter of the late Gilbert Burns, of Knockmaroon Lodge, County Dublin.

BYRNE—December 26, 1926, at his residence, 182 North King street, John Byrne (late of Messrs. J. and C. Parkes, Ltd., Coombe). Funeral, after 10 o'clock Mass, this (Wednesday) morning from Halston street.

CLARK—December 24, 1926, at her residence, Lakeville, Kilrea, Matilda, only surviving daughter of the late Joseph Clark, Esq., M.D. Interred in the family burying ground, Maghera.

CORNWALL—December 28, 1926, at her residence, 4 Herbert road, Sandymount, Mary, widow of the late William Cornwall. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on her soul. Funeral private. No flowers.

DIGGES LA TOUCHE—December 25, 1926, at Magdala, Bath, Julia, widow of Sir James Digges La Touche. Service at St. Bartholomew's at 9.30 this (Wednesday) morning. Funeral Mount Jerome.

DOLLARD—December 27, 1926, at Bettyville House, Wexford, William George, dearly-loved eldest son of William J. and Jennie Dollard, aged 30 years. "He asked life of Thee, and I gave it him, a long life, even for ever and ever." Funeral private.

ELMES—December 24, 1926, at Robinstown, New Ross, County Wexford, Thomas Samuel Elmes, aged 79. Funeral took place at Old Ross on December 26th.

EMERSON—December 28, 1926, at his residence, Dominick street, Galway, William Emerson, R.I.P. Remains will be removed to Cathedral, Galway, this (Wednesday) evening. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) morning, after Solemn Requiem Mass, at 11 o'clock, to Prospect Hill Cemetery. No flowers.

GALLAGHER—December 28, 1926, at her residence, Millbrook House, Navan, Rosanna, wife of John Gallagher. Deeply mourned by husband and family. Office and High Mass at 11 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) morning. Funeral immediately afterwards to New Cemetery. No flowers, by request.

KINCAID—December 28, 1926, at Adelaide Hospital, Sarah, widow of the late James Kincaid, Secharn, Relaghbeg, Kells. Deeply mourned by sons, daughters, and friends. "Thy will be done." "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral from hospital to-morrow (Thursday), passing through Moynalty at 2 p.m. to Breaky Churchyard.

McCAUGHEY—December 26, 1926, at 27 Cornmarket, Belfast, Leonard McCaughey, in his 87th year. Interred in City Cemetery. Private funeral.

MELVILLE—December 27, 1926, at Bromley Gardens, Kilpedder, County Wicklow, William Melville, aged 74 years. Funeral to Delgany to-day (Wednesday), leaving at 2 p.m. "Peace, perfect peace."

MOODY—Matthew Moody, aged 14 years, only son of John Moody, Cross, Coolharbour, Blessington, to the inexpressible grief of his sorrowing parents. "Thy will be done." Funeral (private) to Blessington at 1 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday), 30th.

PARLE—December 26, 1926 at her residence, 8 Bellevue terrace, Waterford, Mary A., widow of the late James A. Parle. R.I.P. Interment took place yesterday (Tuesday).

PIERCE—October 10, 1926, at "Hillview," Rockhampton, Australia, Mary, widow of the late Richard Pierce, aged 85. Carlow papers please copy.

ROBINSON—December 27, 1926, at his residence, Rialto, John Simpson Robinson, L.P.S.I., aged 75. Funeral to Mount Jerome at 9.30 a.m. to-day (Wednesday).

ROGERS—December 21, 1926, at Melbourne, Arabella, wife of the late David Gregory Rogers, of Old Castle, County Sligo, and eldest daughter of the late Travers Homan, M.D., of Sligo.

SHIEL—December 28, 1926, at his residence, 1 Victoria terrace, Naas, John Shiel. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing widow and son and a large circle of friends. R.I.P. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at the Church of Our Lady and St. David to New Cemetery, Naas, at one o'clock.

STEPHENS—At Ulster Bank House, Manorhamilton, R. H. Stephens, Manager. Funeral to Manorhamilton Church 2 p.m. to-day (Wednesday).

WILLIAMS—December 27, 1926, at Tullow Lodge, Thomastown, Catherine Broadwood, widow of the late John Williams. Funeral to-day (Wednesday) 1.30 p.m. Kilfane.

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THE COMPANIES CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1908,
And in the Matter of
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NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the winding up of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 2nd day of December, 1926, presented to the said Court by Thomas Ray, a creditor of the said Company.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Justice Johnston on the 17th day of January, 1927, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 20th day of December, 1926.

LITTLE and CULLEN, Solicitors for the Petitioner, 24 St. Andrew street, Dublin.

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APPEAL—Young ex-Officer (10th Royal Dublin Fusiliers) wants employment.—W 238, this office. 27 E

DRESSMAKING, own or lady's home, also Embroidery, Smocking, Chair Covers; recommended.—W 232, this office.

YOUNG Lady, good appearance, 4½ years' experience, to Hardware and Grocery. Address "Z 2911, Lady," this office. 27 C

YOUNG Man (22) desires to obtain a position of trust, or seeks a position in any capacity whatever; willing worker, with knowledge of Engineering; good Draughtsman, having sound technical training; is well recommended.—W 305, this office. 29 F

YOUNG Woman, four years last place, wishes position Housekeeper, gentleman.—W 279, this office.

YOUNG Lady wishes to hear of vacancy, Mother's Help; experienced all duties. Address "Z 2927, Help," this office. 28 D

MALE SERVANTS WANTED.

GROOM Wanted, about 8 stone, ride well; comfortable position for suitable man; indoor; South Co. Dublin.—W 322, this office. 28 D

RESPECTABLE, clean Boy Wanted, serve milk, hours 8-5 state age.—W 324, this office.

MALE SERVANTS DISENGAGED.

YARDMAN (single) seeks situation; milking, etc.; recommended; state terms.—W 320, this office. 28 F

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS DISENGAGED.

HEAD Working Gardener seeks situation; married, R.C., age 40; life experience in all branches; good discharges. Address "Z 2923, Gardener," this office. 28 D

PLAIN Gardener, General Man, desires situation; wife good cook; would go Indoor; no family.—W 266, this office

WANTED, situation as Steward, Gardener, or Caretaker; married, I.C.—W 228, this office. 27 E

YOUNG Man, single, wishes Gardening work, few days or full time; good experience and can be well recommended.—W 270, this office.

DOMESTICS WANTED.

EXPERIENCED Maid Wanted, labour saving house, England; must understand parlour work and cooking. Interview 1-2, 16 Temple Villas

EXPERIENCED House Parlourmaid Wanted, Limerick City, parlourmaid kept, £28; many vacancies, Cooks, Parlourmaids, House Parlourmaids, Generals, Nurses.—Hawker's Agency, Limerick. 28 D

MRS. Woods, 18 Nassau street (late 12 South Anne street), requires all classes of well recommended Servants.

TEMPORARY Maid Wanted for Howth, middle of January.—W 252, this office. 28 F

WANTED, smart young Daily Girl; well recommended.—44 Brighton road, Rathgar.

WANTED, all classes good Servants, Cooks, House Parlourmaids.—Miss Mulpeter's, 11 Sth. Anne st.

COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS WANTED.

A COOK General Wanted, family two, Dublin; good wages.—W 204, this office. 24 D

COOK General Wanted, thoroughly trained; smart, competent, for two in family; good wages if suitable. Apply 44 Hollybrook road, Clontarf, between 7 and 9 o'clock. 28 F

COOK General Wanted early January; good wages, good outings. Apply, enclosing references, Mrs. Bacon, 26 Herbert place.

CO. Wicklow—Cook General Wanted January 6th, country place; house parlourmaid kept; four in family; no dairy nor poultry work; send copies.—Miss Vernon, Hollywood, Glencaly. 28 D

EXPERIENCED Cook-General for small household, near Chester; help given; £30. Apply immediately, Wilson, 26 Clarinda Park, West, Kingstown. 29 D

FIRST Class Singlehanded Cook or Cook General Wanted, early January, Merrion square.—452, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge.

FRIENDS or Sisters (C.I. preferred, but not essential) required as Cook General and Nursemaid, small business house, Co. Wexford; all duties; entire charge; £18 and £16, rising. Address "Z 2921, Cook," this office.

GOOD Cook Wanted; betweenmaid kept; small dairy. Address, stating age, wages, and send copy reference, "Z 2905," Cook" this office. 24 D

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WANTED, Cook General; good wages if suitable; two in family; children's nurse kept. Apply Mrs. Gleeson, Carnelly, Clarecastle, Co. Clare. 21 X

YOUNG Cook General, country Girl, Wanted at once. Send copies, stating age and wages, Mrs Shackleton, Canonbrook, Lucan, Co. Dublin. 27 E

WANTED, experienced country Girl as Cook General; second [...] kept; laundry done at home. Apply, by letter, Mrs. Byrn, Santry Rectory, Co. Dublin.

WANTED, respectable, active Woman as Cook, high class guest house; must be a good cook, reliable and trustworthy.—W 269, this office.

WANTED, 4th January, Cook General. Write or call after 6 o'clock, Mrs. T. Martin, St. Brendan's, Sandymount avenue, Ballsbridge.

WANTED immediately for England, Cook General, young, I.C., small family.—W 312, this office.

WANTED, Cook General; must have good references; two ladies; house parlourmaid kept; small washing; £28, £30; interview necessary.—Brenner, Bray.

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.

GENERALS WANTED.

EXPERIENCED young General Wanted immediately for house in Pembroke district; two in family; nurse kept; must have first class discharges; send copies, state wages expected.—W 284, this office. 28 D

GENERAL Wanted at once; must be good cook. Apply 31 Upper Baggot street. 27 E

GENERAL Wanted, young; experienced cook. Call after 6 o'clock to 31 Oakley road, Ranelagh. 27 E

GENERAL Wanted for Bray; two in family; country girl preferred.—Bray Lodge, Bray.

STRONG young General; must cook; family three. Apply 39 Lower Baggot street.

WANTED, experienced General for quiet, comfortable place; two in family; small washing, plain cooking; long papers and references; good wages to suitable person. Call to 72 Stephen's Green, between 7 and 8 To-morrow evening.

WANTED, strong young Girl as General; fond of children; send copies of references; state wages. Address "Z 2915, General," this office. 28 D

WANTED, General Servant; good worker, well recommended; small family. Apply 13 Waterloo place, Dublin.

WANTED, young General, some washing; help given; good outing; £20, £22.—9 Upper Garville avenue.

WANTED, clean young General, all duties, family four. Call after six or write, 4 Templemore avenue, Rathgar.

WANTED, young General; some washing; no cooking; wages £16-£18; Blackrock district.—W 306, this office.

WANTED, young, reliable General; must be good plain cook and well recommended; three in family. W 313, this office.

WANTED, young General, indoor; assist with two children, plain cooking, housework; help given; honest, trustworthy; send copies testimonials; wages £18-£20.—W 280, this office.

WANTED, General, small family; wages £30. Call to-day, 24 Main street, Blackrock.

WANTED, daily General for Terenure, 9 to 7; 10/- weekly.—R O 1707, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 28 D

WANTED, strong General, early riser; no washing or scrubbing.—Gratulans, Frankfort avenue, Rathgar.

YOUNG General, plain cooking; fond of children; indoor; help kept.—28 Lower Camden street.

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED.

A HOUSE Parlourmaid Wanted, family two, Dublin.—W 205, this office 24 D

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HOUSE Parlourmaid Wanted; must sew very well; or would take girl to train; good appearance. Address, with copy reference, stating age and height, "Z 2906, House Parlourmaid," this office. 24 D

HOUSEMAID Wanted at once; General or Betweenmaid would suit; must have good references.—W 268, this office.

PARLOURMAID, Protestant, Wanted on job; must valet gentleman; two family; good wages to suitable person.—Mrs. Harding, Bruree Lodge, Bruree. 23 C

WANTED immediately, House Parlourmaid for convenient house, near station and places of worship; cook kept; three in family, except in holidays; state wages required, age, and religion.—Mrs. Wallis, Inniskean, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. 29 D

WANTED, 4th January, House Parlourmaid. Write or call after 6 o'clock, Mrs. T. Martin, St. Brendan's, Sandymount avenue, Ballsbridge.

YOUNG, willing Housemaid or Betweenmaid Wanted immediately. Merrion square.—433, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge.

NURSES WANTED.

AGENT for NURSES, MAIDS and ATTENDANTS. Miss Ballingham Todd, 5 Grafton street, Dublin. Interviews daily. Tel. No. 5258. T

SUPERIOR, trustworthy Girl Wanted to take two children, 2 and 8, out daily; must be highly recommended. Enclose copies, state wages to W 286, this office. 28 F

WANTED, for Pembroke district, Gentlewoman, I.C., age between 25 and 35, as Nurse to one girl 6½; must be very good tempered, fond of children, and pleasant in the house, a good needlewoman and one who would do her own nurseries preferred; salary £40; must be well recommended; send copies testimonials.—429, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge. 27 D

WANTED, capable Nurse Housemaid (I.C.), country rectory, Meath; two boys, 4 and 1½ years; some washing; state age, experience and wages. Address "Z 2913, Nurse," this office.

WANTED for Stillorgan, experienced, bright young Nurse, R.C.; wages £40; good laundress; first baby, 9 months; four maids kept. Write, or call morning 10-12, evening after 6, Mrs. Byrne, Ardlui, Newtownpark avenue, Blackrock ('bus from D'Olier street). 29 D

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED.

GOOD Cooks, Generals, House P'maids, Housemaids, Housekeepers.—Miss Mulpeter's, 11 S. Anne street. 27 C

WANTED, Daily or Weekly Work. Apply 21 Holles street.

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COOK and Housemaid (Sisters), disengaged owing to death; 11 years' reference; highly recommended; Dublin only.—Downey, Parksgrove, Ballyragget, Kilkenny. 29 F

COOK and House Parlourmaid (Sisters); long papers; highly recommended; Dublin or suburbs. Address "Z 2925, Cook," this office.

EXPERIENCED Cook and House Parlourmaid, together, Dublin £20 £30; good laundresses.—W 225, this office. 27 E

GOOD Cook or Cook Housekeeper, where maid kept; recommended.—W 242, this office.

GOOD Cook wants work, Temporary or otherwise.—W 275, this office. 28 D

GOOD Cook (Protestant); small dairy, butter, bread maker, cakes; country.—W 243, this office.

YOUNG Cook General, small family; good references.—W 248, this office.

YOUNG Cook General, disengaged early in January. Apply, letter only, Annie Garland, 15 Ailesbury road, Dublin. 29 D

GENERALS DISENGAGED.

EXPERIENCED General, plain cooking, small washing; city, suburbs.—W 249, this office.

EXPERIENCED General, good cook, small family, city; good papers.—W 246, this office.

GENERAL seeks place; young; good plain cook; good papers.—W 245, this office.

GENERAL, plain cooking, small family; suburbs preferred; highly recommended.—W 244, this office.

GENERAL, plain cooking, small washing; North side; highly recommended.—W 240, this office.

THOROUGHLY experienced General, good plain cook; highly recommended.—W 247, this office.

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS DISENGAGED.

LADY recommends respectable Girl, age 16, Housemaid or Nurserymaid. Reply Mrs. Bennett, Garfield, Killiney. 28 D

YOUNG House Parlourmaid, disengaged, seeks situation, England; highly recommended.—W 292, this office.

YOUNG Housemaid seeks situation, small family, city; highly recommended.—W 241, this office.

NURSES DISENGAGED.

YOUNG Girl, disengaged 14th January, mind baby, light housework.—444, Irish Times Branch Office, Ranelagh. 28 F

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BREAD and Bacon Slicers for small Traders, etc.; from £3 0s. 0d.—Booth Bros., Stephen street, Dublin. X

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CASH Register (National), nearly new. Particulars W 267, this office. 29 F

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WANTED, Motor or Sailing Boat, 20 to 35 feet; must be cheap.—W 277, this office. 28 F

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LOGANBERRIES, large plants, 4d. each, 3/- per dozen.—R O 1704, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

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EGGS, hot buttered (daily), delivered Dublin Tuesdays.—Ardagh, Blacklion House, Greystones.

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INCUBATORS, Foster Mothers, Hoovers—Agents for all leading makes, including the popular "Glevum." Comprehensive range of all Poultry Appliances.—Thos. McKenzie and Sons, Poultry Appliance Specialists, Pearse street, Dublin. 8 20

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AT Highest Value—James Hill and Son, Bachelor's Walk, Purchase Furniture, Pianos, Antiques. T

CARPET Squares, made up from remnants and last year's patterns, now Selling at considerable reductions.—Millar and Beatty, 14 Grafton street. 29 F

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GRAMOPHONE Stores. Only address, Johnston's Court beside Clarendon Street Church, Grafton street. Largest stocks in Ireland. X

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ABOUT Clothes—Mrs. Higgins, 1 Aston's quay, pays highest prices Ladies', Gentlemen's, Children's Left Off Clothing, Jewellery, Artificial Teeth; country parcels received. T

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ABOUT Clothes—Highest prices for Ladies', Gents', Children's Left Off Clothing, Furniture; distance no objection.—Mrs. White, 15 Aungier street. T

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VERY smart Navy Blue Coat, richly trimmed skunk opossum fur, lined silk; new; cost 16 guineas, bargain 6 guineas. Address "Z 2920, Dress," this office. 28 F

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CHESTNUT Mare, 15.3, up to thirteen stone, aged, good hunter, likely to win Point-to-Point; well known Wards, Meath, Kildares; hunted by lady.—Fitzherbert, Burton Hall, Stillorgan. 29 F

GOOD Pony (fast), Van, Harness, Rubbered Trap; cheap.—W 328, this office.

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Pigs under 6st.	....	120/-	per cwt. dead weight
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PIGS—30 extra good Stores.—Blackrock House, Blackrock. 29 F

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BEAUTIFULLY marked young Wire Fox Terrier (Male), sire Baron Benedict; good ratter and watch; also beautiful young trained Collie (Male); reasonable.—"Ulsterville," Avondale road, Phibsboro'.

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WOMAN AND HER HOME.

DECORATING BY "STICK PRINTING."

THE approach of the New Year induces many of us to discover or invent new ways of decorating greeting cards in a restrained, artistic way that is quite distinct from the usual gaudy floral and pictorial designs. For example, a fine border around the edge of the card is often quite enough decoration, and by this means one can introduce colour upon an ordinary card with a greeting printed in black. Such a border could be extended to the ordinary visiting card, menu cards, dance programmes, invitation cards, etc.

It is all very well to talk about the institution of desirable things, but what about accomplishing them? Well, in this case the accomplishment is comparatively easy, and not at all expensive. The decoration is done by means of what is called "stick printing." It consists of impressing a simple design of squares, oblongs, circles, triangles, dots and dashes, as fancy may dictate, with the aid of sticks, at the end of which are the dies in various shapes. The ends of these sticks are covered with any desired colour or tint, pressed upon paper or other material, leaving an imprinted mark which dries rapidly and remains permanent.

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The necessary outfit is of a very simple order. It consists of a box of small sticks carrying many forms of die, one at each end of the stick. Bottles of special colour preparations are also provided; and it will be necessary to get a felt pad, like those used for rubber stamps, or some fine brushes, wherewith to apply the colours to the dies. Of course, there will have to be a separate pad for each colour used, and the pad is undoubtedly the quickest and most convenient to use.

To operate, the pad is first soaked in the colour (which for paper and card printing should be diluted), the end of a stick carrying the required figure is pressed upon the pad after the manner of a rubber stamp, and then gently and evenly pressed upon the card.

The wisest course, even with an expert printer, is to sketch out in pencil the whole design, and to see that the straight lines and curved parts are perfectly done, and the different portions of the design are in proper alignment; and, of course, the design as a whole must be well planned beforehand, and not to trust to inspiration and improvisation as the work proceeds.

There are numerous ways in which the cards may be embellished by this interesting process besides making a border. Corner ornaments can be evolved, initial letters may be "illuminated" similar to those of ancient manuscripts, and even quaint figures—human, animal, floral—could be imprinted by a clever hand. It is astonishing what a few circles, squares and triangles will make in the way of design.

After some practice upon unimportant pieces of paper or card the decoration of New Year and other greeting cards may be undertaken with confidence. Then this form of decoration could be extended to book bindings, calendars, candles and candlesticks, ash-trays, handkerchiefs and other boxes; and the expert woman could undertake the decoration of painted furniture, finger-plates, wall freizes, and even applique work on curtains and cushions.

H. A. D.

A Frock of Navy-Blue Satin, with marocain facings and trimming of grey gros grain ribbon.

LOST IDENTITY.

By M. S.

TO lose the sense of one's identity is to enter into another sphere, a fourth dimension, where terror reigns and the Ego is an atom, desolate in an eternity so awful that annihilation of one's personality seems the only possible good.

The infinitude in which the lonely spirit dwells seems peopled with beings, inhuman and formless. Amoeba and strange living creatures abound, between which and oneself there is a vast distance of "twisted time" and space.

The chaos of the world before man was created appears one with the present.

A film, vague and unsubstantial, is drawn over the common sights and sounds which it is dimly recognised are taking place around one. Familiar voices are heard, but it seems that they come from as far off as the beginning of time.

Suddenly, sharply, above the murmurs of half-known voices, one voice exclaims, "O! What am I? Where is this place?"

It is oneself, one's own voice speaking out of the void.

This was what I experienced years ago, after being violently thrown on my head from a horse. Half an hour's mental torture followed, and not a moment of unconsciousness.

Those who have not known such an experience can scarcely imagine the sense of desolation there is, the stretching out of the spirit for something tangible and human to which to cling, and, not finding either, to lose control of that blurred image which is oneself.

Release came to me suddenly. One moment I was in outer darkness, in the next a faint, beautiful realisation of the dear every-day world and human beings who loved me brought exquisite relief.

The doctor said a bone pressing on the seat of memory had relaxed, but I knew that there was something more spiritual that had saved me.

Is it not possible that some of the mysterious disappearances of the past and present may be the result of lost identity, and consequent madness and suicide?

The mad are secretive and cleverly cunning; they would subconsciously endeavour to leave no trace behind them.

THE PERFECT FOOD.

THE medical profession disagrees on many matters, but all its members advise us to give our children plenty of milk. Milk is the perfect food.

Yet nothing is more common than to meet children who "will not touch milk." In vain their elders exhort them and remind them that milk will make them grow into big strong boys and girls—they waste their breath and only intensify the dislike that they attempt to cure.

In nine cases out of ten there is a perfectly good reason for this childish prejudice. At some time or other the children have been compelled to drink boiled milk, for which they have a dislike based on healthy instinct. For there is not the slightest doubt that boiled milk is spoilt milk. Boiling destroys the vitamins which are so essential to growth. It also causes the "casein" to separate as a skin. Unfortunately, children are frequently urged to swallow this skin, on the ground that is is composed of "beautiful cream!" Nothing could be further from the truth than such a statement. The casein is the nitrogenous portion of the milk from which cheese is made. It is certainly nutritious, but has far less value than the cream.

Most people who boil milk do so with the object of protecting their children from consumption germs. It is, of course, true enough that cows' milk is frequently infected in this way. But the danger of infection is small compared with the danger of sterilisation. We are inevitably exposed to the attacks of germs—they are not confined to milk, and the only way to fight them is to build up the natural resisting power of our bodies.

There is, howe...ver, one way of avoiding the consumption germ without using sterilised milk. Goats are immune from consumption, and their milk is excellent in all respects. It is a great pity that it is not in more general use. Contrary to popular opinion, goats' milk has no unpleasant flavour when it is freshly obtained from clean animals, and it keeps longer than cows' milk.

Unfortunately, in spite of the widespread interest in questions of health, the public is slow in realising the immense value of unsterilised food.

C. C.

BALDWIN & WALKER'S
LADYSHIP
KNITTING AND FANCY WOOLS
A large range and choice variety of these Famous Wools always in stock at
ROCHE'S STORES, Ltd., CORK
Write For Free Patterns.

JAEGER GOODS.

There is a wonderful display of seasonable "specialities" at the various Jaeger shops. There is such a variety of delightful Jaeger things that the difficulty is to make a choice. There are soft, cosy rugs, for car, boat, or general use; knitted scarves, so warm and light that their very touch induces comfort; dressing gowns in that golden tinted camel-hair which is the last word for warmth without weight; and all kinds of cosy slippers for fireside wear at this season. Jaeger breechette suits for children are charming little garments, and the soft Jaeger toy animals will capture the heart of any little one.

HOUSES AND LANDS CONTINUED.

A COMMODIOUS House for Sale, Monkstown, tram line, suit boarding house; man with responsible position financed; large vegetable garden, garage.—W 311, this office. 28 F

AT Lindsay road—Immediate possession, modern House, 7 apartments, large garden. At Clonliffe road—Fine House, 6 apartments, electric, gas; space for garage.—J. J. Carroll, 9 Iona Drive. 28 F

BARGAIN—Charming House, non-basement, Blackrock; lease 700 years; rent £3; garage. Apply Boss, 24 Main street, Blackrock.

BEAUTIFUL House, Lindsay road, 8 apartments, garage space, £950, possession; Iona Crescent—Lovely House, possession; Botanic road—Charming House, vacant; Lock-up Shop to Let, Marino.—Kelly, 71 Iona road.

BLACKROCK—11 Acres, £1,300; leasehold; bath, garage, Lodge; possession; stamp.—Arthur Jones, Son, Greystones. 28 F

BRAY—3 Acres—Pine Cottage, Windgates, for Sale, £325. Auction early January unless previously sold.—Arthur Jones, Son, Auctioneers, Greystones. 28 F

HOUSE for Sale, Rathgar; 6 apartments, large garden; £650.—W 219, this office. 23 C

HOUSE, medium size, and Furniture for Sale, Pembroke district.—W 257, this office. 28 D

HOUSE for Sale; long lease; possession; 7 rooms, bath (h.c.); £550; Bray.—96, Wilde's Office, Bray.

HOUSES AND LANDS CONTINUED.

KINGSTOWN—£1,000; 8 rooms, bath, garage; possession.—Arthur Jones and Son, Greystones. 28 F

LARGE House, Harcourt street, for Sale; 16 rooms; portion let on lease, over £500 yearly; owner going away; Furnished, £2,700.—W 289, this office. 28 D

THE National Estate Agency has a large and varied list of Farms, Business Premises, and Houses for Sale in all parts of Ireland. Call or write, Offices, 84 Middle Abbey street, Dublin. 9 X

WATERLOO road (60); three reception, five bedrooms, fine balcony, cottage, garage. View 3-6. 28 F

10 ULSTER street—6 apartments, bath; no head rent. Apply Messrs. Harris and Greene, 6 Lower Abbey street. 28 F

£300 CASH and £60 18/6 per annum (including rates and ground rent) for 15 years purchases a new £900 House at Upper Highfield avenue, Sandford road, containing 2 reception, 3 bedrooms, maid's room, kitchen, bathroom, electric light, gas. Apply Bailey (opposite). 12 23

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SATURDAY, JAN. [...]
FIRST RACE, 1.15 [...]
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3rd CLASS. 9D. 1st [...]
Trains—Amiens St. to Sutton [...] a.m., 12 noon, 12.15, 12.30, [...] p.m.
Return Specials will leave Sut[ton] after the Races. Reduced Ca[...] Station to Racecourse.
J. B. STEPHENS, Ge[...]

HOUSES AND LANDS CONTD.

£800, AT Cowper Gardens, Houses, semi-detached, co[...] 3 bedrooms, maid's room, bathroom, scullery, pantry; electric light, ga[s ...] year room for garage; lease 999 year[s ...] rates remission.—W. Pickering and So[n ...] Rathmines.

£1,800—DETACHED, double [...]ment, standing on ¼ [...] three reception, maid's room, kitche[n ...] two lavatories, bathroom, three [...] sion; ground rent £15; lease 999 [...] Apply Bailey, "Woodleigh," Upper [...] Sandford road.

HOUSES TO [LET]

COTTAGE, 2 rooms; rent 8/- [...] couple, no children; 3 miles [...] W 254, this office.

HOUSE, Furnished, to Let; [...] £8 10/- monthly; Rathmines [...] ference. Address "Z 2914, Hous[e ...]

HOUSES WANTE[D]

A HOUSE and large Yard Wante[d ...] Yard might suit; central.—W [...]

WANTED to Rent, up to date [...] ing House, Dublin or subur[b ...] give all particulars.—W 303, this [...]

APARTMENTS T[O LET]
DUBLIN AND DIST[RICT]

APARTMENTS Agency—Lists [...] Board Residence, Furnished [...] White, 25 Nassau street.

AT Auburn, Herbert street—Sele[ct ...] visitors or permanent.

AN Unfurnished Drawingroom F[...] kitchen, bath, geyser, garden [...] got street.—W 319, this office.

ATTRACTIVE large Flat, se[lf-contai]ned; bath, gas cooker; bes[t ...] this office.

A FLAT, 4 rooms, water and [...] Lower Pembroke street, 9 to [...]

AT 55 Upper Leeson street—[...] Rooms; tram passes door.

AT 13 Mountjoy square—Small [...] to Let.

AT 54 Marlborough road, Do[...] Rooms to be Let.

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BEDROOM, use gas cooker; sui[t bu]ness ladies; North.—W 276. [...]

COMFORTABLE Apartments, nea[r ...] ings—Very large Bedroom and [...] light, 'phone, breakfast, tea and su[...] week; full board most moderate [...] W 323, this office.

DUBLIN Service Flats, 28 Upp[er ...] (Telephone 61666)—Luxurio[us ...] Bath-Dressingrooms; excellent cu[isine ...]

FLAT, Furnished (one bedroom[...]) electric, vacant.—18 Sandford [...]

HALL, Sittingroom, Bedroom, tw[...] electric; cooking, attendance.—[...]

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PAYING Guest received, South [...] garage. Address "Z 2919, [...]

SMALL Furnished Flat (North [...] two business ladies or elderly c[ouple ...] W 295, this office.

SELECT Accommodation for bu[siness ...] Gentlemen at 67 Lower Lees[on ...]

SELF contained Furnished Flat, s[...] kitchenette; 25/- weekly.—52 [...]

TWO People will Let Furnished [...] W 260, this office.

TWO Furnished Rooms to Let, [...] conveniences; moderate.—W 28[...]

UNFURNISHED Flat, self conta[ined ...] every convenience, modern [...] ticulars 48.

UNFURNISHED, or partially [...] store furniture. After 3, 37 [...]

WATERLOO road—Lady can tak[e ...] or comfortable Bed Sittingro[om ...] essential.—431, Irish Times Branch [Office, Baggot street] Bridge.

10 FITZWILLIAM square—Com[...] rooms, partial board, late [...] terms.

APARTMENTS WA[NTED]

A LADY recovering from illness [...] Apartment, nice family, Prot[estant ...] ance; Rathmines, Ranelagh districts [...] Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

BUSINESS Man wants Bed Sitt[ingroom ...] partial board; state terms.—W[...]

BEDROOM and Sittingroom, or [...] attendance, required by two g[...] W 315, this office.

BOARD Residence required by [...] Rathgar, Rathmines; referenc[es ...] Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

FURNISHED Apartments requ[ired ...] side, with or without board; [...] eight years respectively. Addre[ss ...] ments," this office.

FURNISHED Flat Wanted; [...] house; no other lodgers; g[...] from R.C. church; two Ladies. [...]

FURNISHED Flat Wanted; [...] street; careful tenants; ref[erences ...]

WANTED two Unfurnished R[ooms ...] gas cooker; 12/- to 16/-; Sou[th ...] W 187, this office.

WANTED, self contained Se[...] district.—W 258, this offi[ce]

WANTED, self contained F[lat ...] vicinity Fitzwilliam square.—[...]

WANTED, between Dublin [...] Furnished Sittingroom and [...] able for two adults and child[...] attendance; state lowest terms.—[...] Branch Office, Kingstown.

WANTED, Sittingroom, two [...] tendance; quiet house, no [...] preferred; Dublin or near; hal[f ...] least.—430, Irish Times Branch [Office, Baggot street] Bridge.

WANTED after Xmas, Bedr[oom ...] with use of sittingroom, in [...] Surgeons; 35/- weekly. Addre[ss ...] ments," this office.

SEASIDE AND C[OUNTRY]
HOUSES TO LET AN[D ...]

BRAY—Advertisements for "[...] received by Miss McCann, [...]

GENTLEMAN, with small fa[mily ...] House (Unfurnished), with [...] town; or would Share with a[...] office.

LET, Unfurnished, sea front, [...] six bedrooms, garden.—Mega[...] cove.

TO Let, January-April, Furni[shed ...] Hill; five rooms, bath, h[...] W 274, this office.

APARTMENTS TO LET

LADY wants Rooms, Howth [...] preferably Unfurnished.—W [...]

ST. Kilda, Crosthwaite Park, [...] Apartments, board optional [...] preferred.

MISCELLAN[EOUS]

AT Sharpley's, Baby Linen S[...] write for Catalogue Baby [...] Nursery Requisites—Nas[sau] street.

AUSTIN Kane's new Permane[nt ...] teed harmless; Ladies' Ha[ir ...] Shinglettes, Ladies' Hair Shing[ling ...] Wig and Scalp Maker—21 Wickl[ow ...]

AT Lanespark and every Thu[rsday ...] H Brand; no shrinkage.—[...]

ALL Round, All-Wave Ci[rcuit ...] Constructors should see th[e ...] with diagram, in the Wireles[s ...] Irish Times" to-day. Price [...] agents.

CHARACTER from Handw[riting ...] given free of charge in th[e ...] On sale to-day at all newsa[gents ...]

GILLETTE Pattern Radium [...] Blake's Medical Stores [...] Dame street.

GLOVES—Ladies' Gentlemen[...] Made, Repaired; also F[...] or Re-modelled.—Susan Hawke[r ...] Dawson street (side door).

GRATEFUL thanks to Sacre[d ...] Little Flower, for recover[y ...] publication promised, but lon[g ...] to Holy Family for intention[s ...]

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"KINGSOL," formerly S[...] Cleanser and Polisher, t[...] Irish Material. It is a little [...] ask your Grocer for it to-day. [...] material when your own con[...] article at a cheaper price. Ma[...] of Ireland, Ltd., Castleknock.

MATRIMONY—Farmer. W[...] with farm, well stocked [...] with Widow or Spinster of [...] if necessary; strictly confident[ial ...] dress "Z 2912, Matrimony." [...]

"THE Necklace in the De[sert" ...] instalments of a tale o[f ...] in the "Weekly Irish Times" [...] agents, price twopence.

THE Lens and its Functi[on ...] lens is explained in si[mple ...] photographers in the "Week[ly ...] Price twopence, at all newsag[ents]

WILLIAMS and Son, Na[...] Dame street, Dublin. Sh[...] to Rugs, Head, Horns and Ha[...]

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BALDOYLE RACES

(NEW YEAR'S DAY MEETING),

SATURDAY, JAN. 1, 1927

FIRST RACE, 1.15 P.M.

CHEAP RETURN TICKETS DUBLIN TO SUTTON:

3rd CLASS. 9D. 1st & 2nd CLASS. 1/6

Trains—Amiens St. to Sutton at 10.45, 11.40 a.m., 12 noon, 12.15, 12.30, 12.45, and 1.0 p.m.

Return Specials will leave Sutton immediately after the Races. Reduced Car Fares Sutton Station to Racecourse.

J. B. STEPHENS, General Manager.

HOUSES AND LANDS CONTD. FROM PAGE 2.

£800, AT Cowper Gardens, Rathmines—New Houses, semi-detached, containing 2 reception, 5 bedrooms, maid's room, bathroom, linen press, kitchen, scullery, pantry; electric light, gas, garden front and rear, room for garage; lease 999 years, ground rent £7; rates remission.—W. Pickering and Son, 1 Ormond road, Rathmines. 12 15

£1,800—DETACHED, double fronted, non basement, standing on ½ acre; four bedrooms, three reception, maid's room, kitchen, scullery, pantry, two lavatories, bathroom, three garages; rates remission; ground rent £13; lease 999 years, possession. Apply Bailey, "Woodleigh," Upper Hollybank avenue, Sandford road. 12 15

HOUSES TO LET.

COTTAGE, 2 rooms; rent 8/- weekly; suit old couple, no children; 3 miles from city, near 'bus. W 254, this office.

HOUSE, Furnished, to Let; six apartments; £8 10/- monthly; Rathmines; Protestants; reference. Address "Z 2914, House," this office.

HOUSES WANTED.

A HOUSE and large Yard Wanted to Rent; or large Yard might suit; central.—W 271, this office. 28 F

WANTED to Rent, up to date Unfurnished Dwelling House, Dublin or suburbs; garage; please give all particulars.—W 303, this office. 29 F

APARTMENTS TO LET.

DUBLIN AND DISTRICT.

APARTMENTS Agency—Lists on application; Flats, Board Residence, Furnished Apartments.—Miss White, 25 Nassau street. T

AT Auburn, Herbert street—Select Board Residence; visitors or permanent. 8 22

AN Unfurnished Drawingroom Flat, 3 rooms, large kitchen, bath, geyser, garden; £75; Lower Baggot street.—W 319, this office. 29 F

ATTRACTIVE large Flat, self contained, Furnished; bath, gas cooker; best position.—W 300, this office.

A FLAT, 4 rooms, water and gas. Particulars 2 Lower Pembroke street, 9 to 6. 29 F

AT 55 Upper Leeson street—Double and Single Rooms; tram passes door. 29 F

AT 13 Mountjoy square—Small Flat and Kitchenette to Let.

AT 54 Marlborough road, Donnybrook—Two nice Rooms to be Let.

AT 2 St. Alphonsus road, Drumcondra—Rooms, board optional; visitors or permanent. 28 D

BEDROOM, use gas cooker; suit one or two business ladies; North.—W 276, this office.

COMFORTABLE Apartments, near Government Buildings—Very large Bedroom and Sittingroom, electric light, 'phone, breakfast, tea and supper one guinea per week; full board most moderate; suit gentlemen.—W 323, this office. 28 F

DUBLIN Service Flats, 28 Upper Pembroke street (Telephone 61666)—Luxurious Bed-Sittingrooms, Bath-Dressingrooms; excellent cuisine. 28 F

FLAT, Furnished (one bedroom), select, gas, bath, electric, vacant.—18 Sandford terrace, Ranelagh.

HALL, Sittingroom, Bedroom, two beds, folding doors, electric; cooking, attendance.—33 Pembroke road. 28 F

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PAYING Guest received, South Dublin; golf, bridge, garage. Address "Z 2919, Guest," this office. 28 F

SMALL Furnished Flat (North side); would suit two business ladies or elderly couple (no children). W 295, this office. 28 F

SELECT Accommodation for business Ladies and Gentlemen at 67 Lower Leeson street. 28 F

SELF contained Furnished Flat, sittingroom, bedroom, kitchenette; 25/- weekly.—52 Lower Mount street.

TWO People will Let Furnished Flat; £1 per week. W 260, this office. 29 F

TWO Furnished Rooms to Let, Crumlin road; all conveniences; moderate.—W 283, this office. 29 D

UNFURNISHED Flat, self contained, Pembroke road; every convenience, modern improvements. Particulars 48.

UNFURNISHED, or partially, Room (back), lady, or store furniture.—After 3, 37 Frankfort avenue.

WATERLOO road—Lady can take Lady Paying Guest, or comfortable Bed Sittingroom; good references essential.—431, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge. 28 F

10 FITZWILLIAM square—Comfortable Bed Sitting rooms, partial board, late dinner; moderate terms. 28 D

APARTMENTS WANTED

A LADY recovering from illness requires comfortable Apartments, nice family (Protestants), some attendance; Rathmines, Ranelagh districts. R O 1703, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

BUSINESS Man wants Bed Sittingroom, South side, partial board; state terms.—W 237, this office. 27 E

BEDROOM and Sittingroom, or small Furnished Flat, attendance, required by two gentlemen, South side.—W 315, this office.

BOARD Residence required by lady (I.C.), £2 weekly; Rathgar, Rathmines; references.—R O 1708, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 28 D

FURNISHED Apartments required North or South side, with or without board; two children, six and eight years respectively. Address "Z 2902, Apartments," this office. 23 C

FURNISHED Flat. Wanted immediately, private house; no other lodgers; good locality, not far from R.C. church; two Ladies.—W 302, this office. 29 D

FURNISHED Flat Wanted; convenient O'Connell street; careful tenants; references.—W 304, this office.

WANTED two Unfurnished Rooms, back and front; gas cooker; 12/- to 16/-; South side; Protestants.—W 187, this office. 24 F

WANTED, self contained Service Flat, Pembroke district.—W 258, this office. 28 D

WANTED, self contained Flat of four Rooms, vicinity Fitzwilliam square.—W 282, this office. 28 F

WANTED, between Dublin and Kingstown, well Furnished Sittingroom and large Bedroom, suitable for two adults and child; good cooking and attendance; state lowest terms.—M 600, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 28 D

WANTED, Sittingroom, two Bedrooms, cooking, attendance; quiet house, no other lodgers, detached preferred; Dublin or near; half mile from sea, at least.—430, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge.

WANTED after Xmas, Bedroom and Full Board, with use of sittingroom, in vicinity of College of Surgeons; 35/- weekly. Address "Z 2896, Apartments," this office.

SEASIDE AND COUNTRY.

HOUSES TO LET AND WANTED.

BRAY—Advertisements for "Irish Times" will be received by Miss McCann, 96 Main street, Bray. X

GENTLEMAN, with small family, desires to Rent House (Unfurnished), with land, in country, near town; or would Share with another.—W 255, this office.

LET, Unfurnished, sea front, Kingstown, large House, six bedrooms, garden.—Megahey, Auctioneer, Sandycove. 28 F

TO Let, January-April, Furnished Bungalow, Howth Hill; five rooms, bath, hot; £4 per month.—W 274, this office. 28 D

APARTMENTS TO LET AND WANTED.

LADY wants Rooms, Howth locality; Baily preferred; preferably Unfurnished.—W 222, this office. 22 C

ST. Kilda, Crosthwaite Park, W., Kingstown—Select Apartments, board optional; moderate; permanency preferred. 28 F

MISCELLANEOUS.

AT Sharpley's, Baby Linen Specialists—Ladies invited write for Catalogue Baby Linen, Accouchement, Nursery Requisites.—Nassau street, Lower Camden street. T

AUSTIN Kane's new Permanent Hair Tinting, guaranteed harmless; Ladies' Hair made up in the new Shinglettes, Ladies' Hair Shingled in the latest style; Wig and Scalp Maker—21 Wicklow street. 'Phone 1098. 27 T

AT Lanesport and every Thurles Fair—Dry fed Beef, H Brand; no shrinkage.—Steward, Lanesport. 23 D

ALL Round, All-Wave Circuit—Amateur Wireless Constructors should see the simply written article, with diagram, in the Wireless Page of the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence, at all newsagents. 26 F

CHARACTER from Handwriting—Delineations are given free of charge in the "Weekly Irish Times," on sale to-day at all newsagents, price twopence. 26 F

GILLETTE Pattern Radium Blades, 10 for 1/6—Blake's Medical Stores, 30 Fownes's street, off Dame street. 12 21

GLOVES—Ladies' Gentlemen's Fur, Suede, Leather, Made, Repaired; also Fur Coats and Furs Made or Re-modelled.—Susan Hawker, Glover, Dressmaker, 13 Dawson street (side door). 17 X

GRATEFUL thanks to Sacred Heart, Blessed Virgin, Little Flower, for recovery from serious operation; publication promised, but long delayed. Also thanks to Holy Family for intentions granted.

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MATRIMONY—Farmer, Widower, 40, Protestant, with farm, well stocked, wishes to Correspond with Widow or Spinster of means; photos exchanged if necessary; strictly confidential; view to above. Address "Z 2912, Matrimony," this office. 28 D

"THE Necklace in the Desert."—Read the opening instalment of a tale of intrigue and adventure in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. At all newsagents, price twopence. 26 F

THE Lens and its Function—The working of the lens is explained in simple terms for amateur photographers in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence, at all newsagents. 26 F

WILLIAMS and Son, Naturalists and Furriers, 2 Dame street, Dublin. Skins Dressed and Mounted in Rugs. Head, Horns and Hoofs Mounted as Trophies. 13 X

HOCKEY.

NORTH DOWN'S TOUR CLOSES.

HAT-TRICK BY C. W. COOK.

By four goals to one Railway Union, at Park avenue yesterday, got the better of North Down, the babes of Northern senior hockey; but the superiority which the score suggests cannot be said to have been very much in evidence. Indeed, there was very little between the sides. The visitors had quite as much of the game as had Railway Union, and if they deserved to lose at all, a defeat by a one goal margin would have been a fairer result.

It may be no exaggeration to say that the match was won for Railway Union by C. W. Cook, an "outsider," who came in at inside left to fill one of the vacant places in Rawilay's ranks. He alone of the ten forwards on view showed a true knowledge of where the goal lay, and he let no opportunity slip him. In pushing home an attack the Kingstown Grammar School winger was out on his own, and his stickwork, apart altogether from his three goals, stamped him as a class player.

Railway Union had also assisting them C. J. Little, of Pembroke Wanderers; P. Murdoch, of Monkstown, and E. Winder, of the Grammar School, and between them they made quite a serviceable half-back line. Little and Murdoch, indeed, giving quite a polished display. For four other positions Railway had to fall back on their reserve strength. North Down relied on the XI. which drew with Three Rock Rovers on the previous day. They showed much improved form, and it was a hard, keen game from start to finish.

Little was seen of the brothers Charles and Victor Sully, Railway's strong men. They were well looked after by the defenders, who covered up one another grandly, and Victor Sully came into prominence only once—when he got through to score, after Cook had achieved the "hat trick" and Young had secured the visitors' solitary point. Down's full-backs played soundly thoughout; but the team's real strength lay in the middle line. Here Gwyther, at left-half, gave yeoman service. While attending to C. Sully and Rudd with no small success, he opened out the game capitally and placed always to advantage.

W. Wishart, Down's 16-year-old forward, was again very much in the limelight. He showed excellent control of the ball and led in most of the visitors' attacks. Teams:—

Railway Union—J. A. Hand; K. Browner, J. Ryan; C. J. Little, P. Murdoch, E. Winder; W. Rudd, C. Sully, V. Sully, C. W. Cook, J. Doran.

North Down—A. E. Wishart; T. Hunter, J. Shields; D. Hunter, J. Macdonald, A. E. Gwyther; T. J. Macdonald, W. Wishart, D. McMillan, W. Young, M. Morrow.

Umpires—Messrs. W. F. McDonnell and G. A. Macdonald.

SMALL PROGRAMME IN LADIES' UNION.

SENIOR CUP—SECOND ROUND DRAW.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Very little ladies' hockey was played during the holidays, only two League matches (one Senior and one Middle) being listed for Monday. Optimists B met Trefoil at the latter's ground at Donore avenue, where they were only just beaten by 5-4. On the run of the play Optimists would have won had they fielded a full team, but they were two short in the front line all through. The three remaining forwards, Misses Peacocke, Booth, and Harrington, made the most of their opportunities, considering the odds against them.

STERLING HALF-BACKS.

But it was really the half-backs who showed up to best advantage. The line, consisting of Misses Cullen and D. and C. O'Riordan, played a great game in attack and defence. Miss C. O'Riordan has been playing out of her place so far this season; but on Monday she started as right half, and moved in to centre-half at the interval, and it was obvious that the latter, which she filled at Alexandra College, is the right position for her. Miss Cullen was untiring in her marking and clearing. Both backs were in good form, Miss Mills playing well all through and saving her goal time after time; while Miss Fullwood was more prominent in the second half than earlier on.

THE TREFOIL XI.

The pick of the Trefoil forwards was Miss Caulfield (centre), who played a very keen game and accounted for most of the scoring. Miss Hartigan (centre half) was easily the best of the line, playing a clever game and showing more finish than any of the rest of the team. Misses Flanagan and Drayton, at full-back, saved well, though the latter was, at times, inclined to be wild. Miss Mortell (goal) brought off a few good saves.

POOR SHOOTING BY MUCKROSS.

Muckross 2nd had a good win over Optimists 2nd at Merrion road by 3-0. The play was very even throughout, but never reached a high standard. The Muckross forwards lost many opportunities of scoring. They got right away on several occasions, but failed to score, although their opponents were playing the three-back game. The Muckross halves were splendid, Miss O'Rourke (centre) being most prominent. Neither of the full-backs showed their usual form; but Miss Magee, in goal, had a good day, and saved all shots that came her way, and these were numerous.

Of the Optimists' defence, Misses O'Connell (back) and Cullen (right half) were outstanding. The latter is a sister of the left half on the B team, and plays very much the same game. The stick-work of Miss Frith, at centre-half, was good. Miss O'Kelly (left inside) played a sound game; but the forwards were all too well marked to make much headway.

THE SENIOR CUP.

Next Saturday will probably see some second round Cup matches decided, as this round must be completed before Saturday, 8th January, 1927. In the Senior Cup the following is the draw for the second round:—Optimists A v. Old College; Maids of the Mountain v. Trefoil; Monkstown v. Dublin University; Victoria v. Alexandra College.

All club secretaries are specially requested to attend the meeting for making the return League fixtures to be held on Monday next, January 3rd, at Alexandra College at 5.30 p.m.

COURSING.

WESTPORT MEETING—YESTERDAY.

TRIAL STAKES.—For 14 Puppies. Winner, £17; second, £6; two dogs, £2 10/. each.

Mr. P. Flynn's First Cut beat Dr. Thornton's Dilly.

Mr. Flannery's His Master's Choice beat Mr. Cusack's Eagle's Grip.

Mr. Morris's Ballinalee beat Mr. Taylor's Town Park.

Mr. J. Ryan's Second Editor beat Mr. Gill's Hawser.

Mr. Mooney's Melrose beat Mr. Hoban's Lance Gaye.

Mr. Geraghty's Out on Bail beat Mr. Pelly's Prime Peggie.

Mr. Gavin's Spring Daisy beat Mr. Carney's Cherub.

Second Round—His Master's Choice beat First Cut; Ballinalee beat Second Editor; Melrose beat Out on Bail; Spring Daisy, a bye.

Third Round—His Master's Choice beat Ballinalee; Melrose beat Spring Daisy.

Deciding Course—His Master's Choice (Gramophone—Lighting Raider) beat Melrose (Mutton Cutlet—Doonbelle).

WESTPORT STAKES and WALLACE CUP.—For 8 all-ages. Winner, £16; second, £8.

Messrs. Burke and Ryan's Brackloon beat Mr. Taylor's Town Toff.

Mr. P. Geraghty's Carlow Abu beat Mr. Pelly's Loughloon.

Messrs. Hughes and Joyce's Sgeolan beat Mr. Corcoran's Bocaill Milish.

Mr. Meehan's Balkaun Lass beat Mr. Butler's Foyle Beauty.

Second Round—Brackloon beat Carlow Abu; Balkaun Lass a bye, Sgeolan drawn.

Deciding Course—Brackloon (Victory Yet—Alleen) beat Balkaun Lass (Flute—Verona Lady).

NEWPORT STAKES—For 12 all ages. Winner, £16; second, £6; one dog, £2.

Mr. Kearney's Spotted Vulture beat Mr. Kelly's Kubelick Johanc.

Mr. Carney's Bryn Brigade beat Mr. Griffin's Shannon Breeze.

Mr. Geraghty's Shelbourne Bob beat Mr. Hennigan's My Friend.

Mr. Gavin's Dixie Flyer beat Mr. Cullen's Haine.

Mrs. Thornton's Dally beat Mr. Cusack's Chaps Again.

Mr. W. Brennan's Corrig Lass beat Mr. Morrow's Fancy Fair.

Second Round—Bryn Brigade beat Spotted Vulture; Shelbourne Bob beat Dixie Flyer; Corrig Lass beat Dally.

Third Round—Bryn Brigade beat Shelbourne Bob; Corrig Lass, a bye.

Deciding Course—Bryn Brigade (Guards' Brigade—Bryn Fancy) and Corrig Lass (Cheerful—Speed Mystic) divided.

ASSOCIATION.

YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE RESULTS.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—I.

	Goals.		Goals.
Sheffield Wednesday	3	Tottenham Hotspur	1
Liverpool	3	Bolton Wanderers	2
Aston Villa	5	Leeds United	1
Arsenal	1	Manchester United	0
Derby County	2	West Ham United	0

ENGLISH LEAGUE—II.

Barnsley	5	Fulham	0

ENGLISH LEAGUE—III. (SOUTHERN).

Bristol Rovers	3	Exeter City	1
Northampton Town	2	Luton Town	1
Millwall	4	Watford	2
Swindon Town	3	Coventry City	1

CHILD'S DEATH FROM PNEUMONIA.

A verdict that death was due to heart failure following pneumonia was returned yesterday at an inquest held in the Dublin Morgue on the body of an infant named Patrick Donovan, aged six months. Mrs. McCormack, 45 Old Kilmainham, received the child to nurse on the 24th of last September from the St. Patrick's Infants' Hospital, 39 Mountjoy square. On the 22nd instant the child suffered from a little hoarseness, but the case did not appear to be sufficiently serious to require a doctor. Four days later, however, the child seemed to get convulsed and died in a few seconds.

SERVICES AND ANTHEMS.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Dublin (a Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.), 35 Molesworth street.—Services—Sunday, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Wednesday (Testimony Meeting), 8 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, same address, is open to the public daily from 11 a.m.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT

ALLEGED BOGUS "HOLD-UP."

THRIFT CLUB'S MONEY: TREASURER CHARGED.

(BEFORE MR. COLLINS, K.C.)

No further evidence was given yesterday in the case against John Coogan, aged about 43 years, described as a stonecutter, of Creighton street, who is charged with having converted to his own use £77 10s., portion of £195 which had been entrusted to him by members of a thrift club, of which, it is stated, he was secretary and treasurer, for disbursement among them for the Christmas holidays. He is also charged with the illegal possession of £25 10s. The case was adjourned until next week.

At the previous hearing Detective-Sergeant Gibney gave evidence of having gone with Sergeant 7B to Coogan's residence, and told Coogan, who was in bed, that they were inquiring into a "hold-up" which took place at 9.50 p.m. on the 20th inst. Coogan dressed, and, going to a room in the front portion of the house, showed him a small table, under a gas jet near the fireplace, where, he said, he was sitting with his back to the window, placing notes in envelopes, when a man entered and gave him a blow on the side of the head. He was knocked partly unconscious. He did not see the man.

The witness said that he asked Coogan did he bleed much. Coogan replied that he did, and on being asked where he got his head dressed, said that the police wanted him to get it dressed in hospital, but he did not think that it was so serious. Coogan also said that the blinds were not down, and that he must have been seen counting the money and putting it into envelopes.

The house said Sergeant Gibney, had five steps, and there was a basement. The chair on which Coogan said he had sat was a low one. Witness and the other sergeant took the defendant to Pearse street. The defendant had a small piece of sticking-plaster on his head.

"INJURIES SELF-INFLICTED."

Sergeant Gibney, continuing his evidence, said that afterwards he told Coogan that he did not believe the story of the "hold-up," and that the opinion formed by Dr. Ryan, police surgeon, was that the injuries were self-inflicted and might have been caused by sandpaper or a match-box. Asked why he did not shout when other members of the family were in the basement of the house, the defendant said that he was partly unconscious. The witness then showed him some blotting-paper, asking: "Is this the blood?" and the defendant replied "Yes." The witness got the blotting-paper on the table where the defendant had been writing.

When Coogan was informed of the nature of the charge, he said: "I never did it. I'm for the past five years holding this club money, and nothing ever happened like this before."

The witness put the questions, and got the answers from Coogan—

Where do you keep the money?—I keep it locked in a box in my own bedroom.

What precautions do you take against being raided or "held-up"?—None; these things go on.

What do you mean by that?—People pretending to be "held-up." I know a lot of that goes on: it is quite common now.

The witness added that when Coogan was charged and cautioned, he said: "I have nothing to say."

The accused man was remanded until next Monday.

BURIAL SOCIETY'S FUNDS.

Percy Ennis, aged 23 years, described as a cattle-drover, of Prussia street, was remanded until next Monday on a charge of having fraudulently converted to his own use £57 10s., alleged to have been collected by him during the past twelve months as secretary of the Salesmasters' Men's Burial Society.

SUSPECTED POCKET-PICKING.

Three men, named Michael Collins, Christopher Walsh and Christopher Owens, stated to live at Erin's Court, Ashe street and Coombe street, respectively, were remanded until to-morrow, charged with loitering at a dog show in Camden street last Monday for the supposed purpose of picking pockets. It was alleged that they jostled people at the show, and that Owens and Walsh put their hands into the pockets of two men. When charged and cautioned Collins and Owens, it was stated, said nothing, but Walsh said: "I was not there for that purpose."

TWO MONTHS FOR STEALING.

An old man, named Philip Thompson, of no address and no business, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, with hard labour, for stealing three boxes of paint from a motor car in South Great George's street on the 21st inst.

CHARGE OF POSSESSING COUNTERFEIT COINS.

MAN WHO WORKED IN A COAL-HOLE.

John R. Fyffe, of High street, Belfast, was, in the City Custody Court yesterday, charged with having in his possession implements for making counterfeit coins, and also with possessing five completed counterfeit coins, and a counterfeit half-crown in the making.

The case was adjourned until January 4, bail being allowed.

Constable Nairn stated that on the 23rd inst. he arrested the accused on the charge of drunkenness, and found in his possession a coinage instrument and six counterfeit coins. On being cautioned, the accused said, "I made these things as a crest for the model of a motor car." Witness searched the premises where the accused man resided with his father and mother, and discovered that a portion of the coal-hole was fitted up as a workshop, and equipped with implements and tools. On a work bench he found a number of moulds the size of half-crowns. There were also pieces of cut tin and brass, a bottle of mercury, and a jar of quick soldering solution.

William Fyffe, caretaker of the premises in High street, said that the accused had been stopping with him for the past three months. Accused was in the habit of making mechanical models, and worked in the coal-hole.

To Mr. Tughan (who defended)—Accused was a chauffeur by occupation, and he made two models of motor cars and a model of a steam engine.

THE LATE MR. MICHAEL DAWSON.

The following names were omitted from the list of those attending the funeral of the late Mr. Michael Dawson, the well-known Curragh trainer:—Senator W. Cummins, Newbridge; Mr. M. J. Cleary, Dublin, and Mr. Tom Farrell, Dublin.

FUNERAL OF MR. THOMAS BOYLAN.

The remains of Mr. Thomas Boylan, of Hilltown, Drogheda, who died on Thursday, December 23, were buried at Moorechurch on Sunday last.

The funeral was largely attended. Among those present were:—The Rev. P. Gillic, P.P.; the Rev. J. Kyan, C.C.; the Rev. — Plunkett, C.C.; Captain E. T. Boylan, F. Boylan, F. Thunder, P. Thunder, Colonel E. Farrell, F. H. Farrell, G. F. Gradwell, General Smith-Bingham, C. Macartney-Filgate, J. Redcliffe, Colonel Cecil Thornhill, Colonel T. Cairnes, Major E. Shirley, J. S. Matthews, P. P. Matthews, Colonel St. George Smith, W. O'Reilly, D.L.; Captain the Hon. H. Preston, Captain Woods, Colonel Woods, the Rev. C. H. Hammick, Captain Fox Goodman, Colonel J. E. Holland, R. Gogan, R. J. Montgomery, R. Ball, Captain T. Martin, T. D. McKeever, J. H. L. McKeever, J. R. Pearson, L. V. Hunt, L. Morgan Ryan, J. Ennis, J. T. Ennis, P. Leonard, J. J. Leonard, P. McEvoy, T. F. McKeever, B. H. Lentaigne, T. Kennan, M. J. Macken, T. P. Macken, C. Crinion, M. Brady, Colonel C. M. O'Reilly, R. E. Langan, T. W. Pim, M. Curran, W. H. Jordan, J. E. Jordan, G. J. Ball, F. E. McKeever, T. R. McKeever, J. H. McKeever, G. J. McKeever, E. D. Delaney, P. Austin, J. Matthews, W. J. Blackburne, G. H. Daly, Captain R. Law, Captain Osborne, P. Farrell, J. Tallon, Captain O'Connor, Captain E. T. O'Connor, R. H. Usher, C. McDermott, J. Leonard, E. Bigger, D. O'M. Leahy, C. Cameron, Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Booth, Sir A. Vere Foster, Captain R. A. B. Filgate, W. Filgate, E. T. Malone, A. Donnelly, T. Fitzharris, G. Fitzharris, J. J. Gernon, W. P. Smith, M. Smith, Dr. Tallan, J. J. Hoey, Major P. Garrett, J. G. Lyons, J. Davis, Captain Daly, W. R. Parr, J. S. Davis, H. G. Cullen, J. Clinton, J. S. Langan.

Among those who sent wreaths were:—Captain the Hon. and Mrs. Preston, the Lord and Lady Athlumney, the Marchioness Conyngham, Mr. and Mrs. Macartney Filgate, Mr. George Gradwell, Mr. and Mrs. P. Farrell and family, Colonel and Mrs. R. M. Wetherell, the employés of the Hilltown Estate, the Viscountess Gormanston, Colonel and Mrs. J. E. Holland, Sir Timothy and Lady O'Brien, Mrs. Blackburne and family, Dr. and Mrs. L. V. Hunt, the indoor servants, Hilltown; Mrs. F. G. McKeever and family, Mrs. M. Law, and Captain and Mrs. R. Law, Mr. J. S. Matthews and family, Mr. J. G. McKeever and family, Mrs. Daly, Captain Daly, Mrs. Simmonds, Mrs. W. P. Cairnes, Captain and Mrs. E. T. O'Connor, Captain and Mrs. R. A. B. Filgate, Mrs. Woods, Captain and Mrs. Coddington, Mr. and family, Captain and Mrs. Coddington, and members of United Service Club, Dublin.

PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

CATTLE.

BIRKENHEAD.—Only a few small lots of cattle, which had been carried over from last week, were on offer, and for these a ready sale was experienced. A similar state of affairs prevailed in regard to the sheep trade. In both departments the number of animals on offer was not sufficient to merit quotations being given. The normal course of trading will be resumed on Tuesday. Dressed Beef Section—The supply of dressed beef on offer was small, and trade was of a slow holiday character, sides making from 7½d. to 8½d. per lb., and exceptional quality beef 8½d.

LEEDS.—Trade slow. On offer—Cattle 128; prime heifers and bullocks 9d. to 10d., fat cows and bulls 7d. to 8d. Sheep 608; choice small sheep 1/2, good quality 1/- to 1/1, heavier sorts 10d. to 11d., ewes 8d. to 9d., tups 6d. to 7d.

SALFORD—On offer—Beasts 621 (decrease 305); sheep and lambs 2,274 (decrease 914). Irish fat cattle numbered 304 and dairy cows 44, but no Irish sheep and lambs were penned. Market of holiday character. Stock shown generally of good quality, and very fair clearance was effected. Prices were firmer, but little or no quotable change was recorded as compared with last week. Best butchers' beasts made up to 9½d., others 9d. to 9¼d., best around 9½d, others 8½d. to 9d.; good fat young cows 7d. to 8d.; choice light sheep 1/1, others 1/-, prime Welsh and North country lambs 1/2½, others 1/1½ to 1/2; ewes around 8½d. per lb. Irish cows suitable for dairy purposes formed the whole of the supply in this department, but trade was rather quiet at prices ranging from £19 to £25 per head.

BIRMINGHAM PIG.—Short supply following the holidays. Business on the slow side, though lightweights were in fair demand. Quotations—Sizeable bacons 16/6 to 17/-, cutters 18/- to 20/-, and sows 14/- per score dead weight.

MANCHESTER PIG.—Shipments of Irish for the week ended 11th December totalled 10,705, against 9,714 the previous week, and 3,169 the corresponding period last year. Supplies have been held up owing to the holidays, and market rules quiet in consequence. Quotations for all descriptions still rule nominal.

GRAIN

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC.—WHEAT—Market for cargoes remained dull under holiday influences, and prices tend easier in view of liberal world's shipments. No. 1 Northern Manitoba December sellers 56/3, No. 2 ditto 55/-, No. 2 hard winter December 56/-, January 55/-, white Pacific January 54/3, Australian January 54/6, February 54/-, Rosafe 63½lbs. January-February 50/6, Barusso ditto February 50/6. Parcels dull, and lower to sell. No. 1 Northern Manitoba January-February 55/-, Rosafe 62½lbs. January-February 49/9, West Australian 4th January sold 55/6 to Continent per 480lbs. MAIZE quiet, and values weaker on liberal offers. Steamers on passage sellers 29/6 to 30/-, December-January 29/3, January-February, also February-March, 29/-, Dan. Gal. Fox, afloat 31/-. Parcels slow. Plate November-December 29/3, January-February sellers 28/7½ per 480lbs. BARLEY inactive. Cargoes of South Russian February sellers 31/9. Parcels of ditto January-February 31/9, Persian December-January 29/6, No. 3 Canadian Western December 33/-, Plate January-February 30/- to 30/6 per 400lbs. OATS steady. Plate December sellers 21/-, January 20/-, January-February, also February-March, 19/9, Chilian January-February 21/3 per 320lbs.

LIVERPOOL.—WHEAT—American cables over the holiday here were better and shipments small, but with disappointing Argentine advices and liberal tenders here prices showed a moderate decline at the outset, and further receded, but afterwards fluctuated slightly according to the offerings, finishing almost at the worst point, afternoon cables failing to lend encouragement. C.i.f. parcels of wheat neglected, with Manitoba unchanged and Argentine 6d. per quarter lower. C.i.f. parcels of MAIZE River Plate afloat and December-January sold at 28/6 per quarter. Wheat on the spot dull at easier prices. Maize spot parcels quiet, and River Plate quoted 6/6 to 6/6¼ per cental. FLOUR quiet, with official price of straight run 44/6 per 280lbs. ex mill. Graded wheat futures opened ½d. per cental lower, lost a further ½d. to ¾d., then fluctuated slightly, the market closing quiet at ¾d. to 1d. under Friday last. Maize options nominally unchanged to ½d. per cental lower. Closing prices—December 6/5¾, January 6/4½ per cental.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—This market was more or less of a holiday character in all departments. BACON—Irish, Danish and Canadian is quiet, but late prices maintained, while American rules somewhat irregular, but generally quiet, long clear being reduced to 93/- to 100/- and backs 96/- to 101/- per cwt., but Cumberlands exceptionally attracted moderate attention at 1/- advance, all weights being raised to 82/- to 85/- per cwt. HAMS quiet, but no quotable change made in values of any description. Shoulders quiet and unchanged for New Yorks, while some squares are now on the market for which 84/- to 87/- is asked, picnics being nominal, with supplies exhausted. LARD on the spot 6d. to 1/- dearer owing to higher c.i.f. rates; prime steam held at 64/6 to 65/6 and American refined 65/6 to 67/6 per cwt., but little business transpired. CHEESE steady but quiet at late rates. BUTTER more firmly held, Danish being raised to 185/- to 189/-, New Zealand (new) 174/- to 178/-, Australian 172/- to 176/- per cwt. EGGS quiet at 25/- to 28/- per 120 for Irish fresh hen and 9/- for Egyptian.

LONDON (Borough).—EGGS—Market quiet, and new laid easier, but other descriptions steady. English quoted 24/- to 26/-, Dutch mixed 21/- to 22/-, all brown 23/- to 25/-, Belgian 20/- to 21/-, Italian 18/- to 21/-, Danish 18lb. 26/-, 15½lb. 22/6 to 23/-, Australian 17/- to 17/6, brown 18/6 to 19/-, South African 14/6 to 17/6, Lithuanian blue 13/- to 16/6, red 11/-, Egyptian 9/- to 10/3, Argentine 13/- to 15/6 per 120, Chinese £7 to £10 per case.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT (Smithfield).—Supplies yesterday 1,879 tons—330 Irish and British and 1,549 tons imported. BEEF—Fresh and Chilled—Very little doing; no demand. Scotch short sides 6/4 to 7/-, long 6/- to 6/6, English 4/8 to 5/6, Canadian (Birkenhead killed) 4/8 to 5/4, Argentine hind quarters (chilled) 3/8 to 4/4, fores 2/4 to 2/7. MUTTON—Fresh short supply cleared without difficulty. Frozen slow trade. Scotch 7/8 to 8/4, tegs 7/8 to 8/8; English 6/8 to 8/-, tegs 7/8 to 8/4; New Zealand wethers 3/10 to 4/6, ewes 2/10 to 3/2. LAMB—New Zealand 5/4 to 6/11, Australian 4/10 to 6/4. PORK—Trade very dull; English best, under 10st. 9/8 to 10/4, 10 to 15st. 7/8 to 9/4, 15 to 20st. 6/8 to 7/8, frozen New Zealand 6/8 to 7/4, other countries 4- to 6/4; sows (fat) 5/6 to 5/8. EGGS—Trade slow at generally easier prices. English new laid, first grade 24/- to 26/-, second 21/- to 22/6; Danish, 15½ to 16lbs. 24/- to 24/6, 18lbs. 26/6 to 27/-; Dutch brown 26/- to 27/-, mixed 24/- to 25/-, ducks' 15/6 to 16/-; Belgian 21/6 to 22/6, Australian 17/- to 18/-; South African 15lbs. 17/6 to 18/-, 14lbs. 14/- to 14/9. POULTRY, GAME and RABBITS—Supplies light and trade slow. Prices for chickens easier; Surrey chickens 1/6 to 1/8 lb.; country 1/2 to 1/5, Irish 1/1 to 1/3, Belgian 1/4 to 1/6, French 1/3 to 1/5, Dutch 1/1 to 1/3; English hens (old) 9d. to 11d., Irish 8d. to 9d.; English geese 1/- to 1/2, Irish 9d. to 1/-; country ducklings 1/2 to 1/4; English pheasants, best 4/6 to 5/- each, seconds 3/- to 3/6; English partridges, full size young 4/- to 4/9, small 2/6 to 3/-, old 1/- to 1/4; Guinea fowl 3/6 to 3/9; Bordeaux pigeons 1/- to 1/9, tame 6d. to 8d.; wild ducks, fresh 2/6 to 3/3, frozen 1/9 to 2/3; English hares 4/6, Scotch 1/3 to 2/-; tame rabbits 7d. to 9d., wild 6d. to 8d. LIVE POULTRY—This year's chickens 1/2 to 1/4 lb., hard 9d.; hens, large heavy fat 10d. to 1/-, small or plain 8d. to 9d.; ducks, old fat 8d. to 9d., medium 7d.; pigeons (each) 7d.

MANCHESTER.—Holidays still having adverse influence on business in most departments. BUTTER—Shipments of Danish and Swedish, not including Gothenburg, for the week ending December 24th, 2,657 casks (2,131 less). Market firm on smaller arrivals, with every prospect of advanced prices next week. Choicest qualities quoted—Danish 182/- to 184/-, special dairies extra; Swedish 176/- to 178/-, Finnish 174/- to 176/-, New Zealand 172/- to 174/-. BACON—Shipments of Danish and Swedish 12,877 bales (decrease 1,458 [illegible]). Business continues of a holiday character, retailers showing little disposition to operate except for immediate requirements. Irish, Danish, Dutch and Swedish nominal, but North of Ireland rolls quoted 108/- to 118/-, according to weight and cure. LARD quiet but firm. English refined 70/6, boxes, wholesale; American 65/6 to 66/6 per cwt., according to brand. CHEESE—Little business passing in home-produced, with finest Cheshire around 1/3, medium 1/- to 1/2 per lb. Canadian quietly steady; finest Septembers 96/- to 98/-, Octobers 95/- to 97/-. EGGS—Shipments of Danish and Swedish 3,384 cases (640 less). Market continues quiet; Irish extra selected 26/6, selected 25/-, mediums 22/6, Danish 18lb. 26/6, 15½lb. 24/-, Swedish 18lbs. 26/-, 15½lb. 23/6, Dutch 22/- to 23/6, Polish 13/6, Egyptians 9/-, Dutch 14/6, Irish cold stored 14/- to 15/-, pickled 13/9, Danish pickled 14/6 to 17/-.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—A fair inquiry for the limited arrival of vegetables on market. York cabbage 16/- to 32/- per load, Savoy 17/- to 28/- per load; Swede turnips 1/2 to 1/4 per cwt., celery 1/- to 2/- small and 3/6 to 5/- for large, cauliflowers 3/- to 4/- per dozen; sprouts 3/- to 3/9 per float.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Supplies of potatoes were ample for all requirements at prices previously quoted.

CORK BUTTER.—Small supply; dull tone and slack trade following the holiday interruption. Creameries 168/- to 172/- per cwt., choicest salted 172/-; special dairies extra.

DUBLIN FISH.—Fish was in small supply, totalling 70 packages herrings and a small arrival from country sources. Sales resulted in an early clearance, herrings realising 5/- per box and 7/- per keg; plaice 25/- to 90/- per half-box.

BILLINGSGATE FISH. — Moderate supplies; quiet demand. Soles 24d. to 28d., slips 18d. to 24d. per lb.; live eels 15/- to 30/-, dead 10/- to 25/- per draught; turbot 17/- to 21/-, brill 12/- to 14/-, plaice 9/- to 15/-, halibut 19/- to 22/-, lemon soles 15/- to 20/-, whitches 7/- to 12/-, cod 5/- to 7/-, whiting 2/- to 5/-, hake 7/- to 10/-, skate 5/- to 7/-, haddocks 4/- to 7/- per stone.

LONDON POTATO.—Trade retail, with ample supplies. English King Edwards 8/- to 9/-, British Queens, Eclipse and Majestic 7/- to 7/9, Irish 6/- to 7/-, Dutch Edwards 5/- to 6/-, whites 4/- to 5/-. Belgian Edwards 6/- per cwt.

MANCHESTER DEAD MEAT. — Home-killed beef, best sides 9d., others 8d. to 9d.; best mutton 11d.; lambs, small weights 11d to 1/-, others 10d. to 10½d., ewes 7d. to 8d. Pigs nominal. Chilled beef, hindquarters 6d. to 6½d., forequarters 3½d. to 3½d.; mutton, wethers 4½d. to 5½d., ewes 4½d., lambs 7d. to 10d.

PRODUCE

LONDON.—SUGAR—The market for refined goods remained quiet under holiday influences, but prices were unaltered for British standards, also home-grown granulated. Imported quietly steady. White terminal fully steady, with dealings on a fair scale. December sold 18/2¼, January 18/4½ to 18/3¾, February 18/6¾ to 18/6, March 18/9¾ to 18/9, May 19/-, August 19/0¾ to 19/1¼ and 19/0¾, September 18/8¼, December 17/3 to 17/3¾ and 17/3 per cwt. COFFEE—Spot quiet, but steady for finer grades. Futures slow; March quoted 74/9, September 71/9 per cwt. COCOA quiet. Accra January-March quoted 62/6, February-April 63/- per cwt. f.o.b. TEA quiet, pending resumption of auctions next week. RICE—Market dull and featureless. Rangoon two stars spot London sellers 16/6, forward 16/1½ c.i.f. Japanese peas dull; December-January quoted 28/6 per cwt. SPICE—Pepper inactive; black Lampong October-December quoted 11⅜d. to 11½d., white Muntok ditto 1/6¾. Zanzibar cloves—Spot 9½d. to 10d. per lb. TAPIOCA, also Sago flour, quiet, unaltered. JUTE quiet, and prices for most part nominally unaltered. Firsts December-January sold £30 7/6. HEMP—Manila receipts for the past week totalled 24,000 bales. Estimate for next week, 23,000, and the following week, 21,000 bales. COPRA firm; F.M.S. Straits to Rotterdam December-January sellers £26 7/6, January-February, also February-March, £26 15/-. Dutch East Indies December-January £26 7/6, Ceylon ditto £27 15/-. PALM KERNELS to Liverpool November-January, also January-March, £19 7/6 per ton. RUBBER quietly steady; plantation standard sheet spot 1/8, January sold 1/7¾, January-March 1/7¾, April-June 1/7¾ to 1/7⅞, July-September 1/8¼ to 1/8⅜ per lb. London stock 48,382 tons, being an increase of 1,058 tons on last week. OILS—Linseed easier; spot quoted 31/3, January-April 30/-, May-August 29/10½. Rape dull; crude spot 45/-, refined 47/-. Cotton firm; crude Egyptian 31/6, common edible 38/-. Coconut dull; Ceylon pipes 45/6, shipment 41/6. Turpentine easier; American spot 59/6, January-April, also May-June, 60/3 per cwt. Rosin, also petroleum, unaltered. OILSEEDS—Linseed market quiet and easier: Calcutta to London December sellers £17 2/6, December-January £17, Plate to Hull December-January £14 18/9, new crop January-February £14 13/9, February-March £14 12/6. Rapeseed steady; Toria to Hull, Continent December-January sellers £17 15/-, January-February £17 10/-. Cottonseed quiet; Egyptian black to Hull February-March £8 10/-, white ditto £8. Bombay December-January, also January-February, £7 10/- per ton. Groundnuts unaltered.

LIVERPOOL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.—A fair supply of farm produce met with a good demand at yesterday's market. Potatoes—Irish red soil 6/-, King Edwards (local) 6/-, King Edwards (Lincoln) 9/- to 9/6, Great Scotts 4/- to 4/2 per cwt. Cabbages 8d. to 1/-, Savoys 10d. to 1/-; cauliflowers 2/6, celery 2/- to 3/-, beet roots 4d. per dozen; carrots 4/6 to 5/-, Swede turnips 2/- to 2/6, parsnips 8/- to 9/- per cwt.; Brussels sprouts 5/6 to 8/6 per 80lbs.; onions, Spanish 4 and 5 8/6 to 10/6 per box 120lbs., Dutch 6/-, pickling 7/- per cwt.; parsley 1/-, sage 6d. to 8d. per dozen bunches; oat straw 3/- per cwt.

LIVERPOOL.—SUGAR—Tate and Lyle's quotations:—Crystals, No. 1 35/9, small No. 1 35/3, No. 2 34/-, bright 33/10½; granulated, standard 33/9, H.T.S. 33/10½, coarse 34/1½, fine 34/1½, all ex refinery, Liverpool, less 1½ p.c. discount. Cubes, ex refinery in London—First quality 38/-, H.T.S. 37/9, afternoon tea 38/3, less 1½ p.c. discount.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR.—The market opened with a firm tone on the official declaration of the closing of navigation on the River Elbe. Offers are limited and there is a good inquiry.

MISCELLANEOUS

LIVERPOOL COTTON.—American Futures—Values opened higher in sympathy with advices from New York. Afterwards movements were only on a small scale. Near the close America turned sellers and part of the early advance was lost. Market closed quiet. Spot sales 5,000 bales (including for export 100 bales). American Futures—Tendency quiet; December 6.63d., January 6.65d., February 6.68d., March 6.77d., April 6.81d., May 6.89d., June 6.92d., July 6.99d., August 7.02d., September 7.05d., October 7.07d., November 7.09d., December 7.10d. Egyptian Futures—Tendency barely steady; January 12.90d., March 12.63d., May 12.51d., July 12.42d., October 12.50d.

MANCHESTER TRADE.—Market very quiet. Cloth values steady. Piece goods business small. India bids for light bleaching fabrics small. China and Java business under negotiation. South American offers for finishing styles not far out. Miscellaneous short delivery lots wanted for Near East. Yarns advices discouraging; quotations for Egyptians tend to harden; Americans in poor request; production not sold.

DUBLIN HAY AND STRAW.—Hay was in small supply, while demand for good class hay was rather brisk, and soft and inferior qualities made a slow finish; first crop hay 4/6 to 4/9 per cwt., with 5/- for Co. Dublin qualities; second and third crop 3/6 to 4/3, old meadow 2/- to 3/- and 3/3 per cwt. A fair arrival of straw, but sales were slow at 2/- to 2/3 per cwt. for both oaten and wheaten.

LONDON HAY AND STRAW.—Market quiet, with adequate supplies. Best meadow hay £5 to £5 10/-, medium £4 to £4 10/-, inferior £3 to £3 10/-, best mixtures sainfoin £5 7/6 to £5 17/6, best clover £5 15/- to £6 5/-; best trussed wheat straw 80/-, barley and oat do. 85/- to 95/-, all per ton, delivered.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

SHARP FALL IN TIN.

TIN declined sharply owing to liberal selling orders, combined with weak foreign advices, cash on balance showing a net loss of 65/- and forward 30/- per ton, compared with the closing rates of Friday last. Standard cash quoted £297 15/- to £298, three months £294 to £294 5/-; settlement price £298. 1,000 tons changed hands, cash at £300 5/- to £297 15/-, three months £295, £294 15/-, and £295 5/-, finally £294 5/-. English ingots quoted £296. COPPER in fair request, but with sellers to the fore values closed 7/6 per ton lower for cash and 5/- forward on balance. Standard cash quoted £56 7/6 to £56 10/-, three months £57 5/- to £57 7/6; settlement price £56 7/6. 800 tons sold, comprising cash at £56 8/9, three months £57 6/3. Electros quoted £64 5/- to £64 15/-, wire bars £64 15/-, B.S. £62 15/- to £64, S.S. £92. LEAD in moderate support, and prices easier. 650 tons sold good soft foreign pig January at £28 18/9, March £29 3/9 to £29 2/6; settlement price £28 17/6. English quoted £30 10/-. SPELTER, after liberal dealings, closed quiet and easier. 850 tons sold December at £32 13/9, January £32 15/-, February, also March, £32 12/6, April £32 12/6 to £32 11/3; settlement price £32 15/- per ton.

GLASGOW IRON AND STEEL.—No report yesterday.

"SLUMBERLAND" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

CHILDREN'S SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE.

A fairly large audience in the Theatre Royal, Dublin, at yesterday's matinée erformance of "Slumberland," Mr. Hubert Rooney's musical fairy play, showed full appreciation of the artistry of the young people who were engaged in the production. The caste was different—save in a few cases—from that of the opening performance; but the standard of production was as high—if anything, the play ran a little more smoothly.

Mr. and Mrs. Leggett Byrne are to be congratulated on the success of their methods which produce such clever youngsters. Watching the performance of the tiny tots who acted and danced as baby fairies, one wondered at the patient tuition which must have been practised to achieve such results.

Yesterday Miss Eileen Knowles was again very good as the headmistress, and so also were Eva Barnard, Helen O'Donnell and Claire Geary in their different parts. Of the younger folk, Patricia Ringwood was a lively, high-spirited Maisie, evidently quite fond of playing pranks. Moira Dewar, Tom Smith, Marie Moylan and Joan Crofton were very clever in their acting, and all danced with great skill and grace.

The *Pas de Trois*, by Patsy Neill, Sybil Dixon and Doris Nichol, was one of the daintiest dances of the afternoon. Joan Stephen, Peg Dewar and Pamela Stephen—three very young children—were exceedingly clever in their speaking and dancing parts. Peter Stirling was a very striking figure as the Fairy Queen.

The singing was excellent, Gretta Collins singing the song of "The Wild Rose" very pleasantly; while the chorus of schoolgirls, particularly in the dormitory scene and in Toyland was very good. The appearance of the characters in the various well-known nursery rhymes drew unstinted applause. The scenic effects and lighting, especially in the Fairyland scene, were effective.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY FOR MAYO.

CASTLEBAR AS CENTRE.

The Mayo County Council, having decided to establish a Carnegie Library in the county, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Killala (Dr. Naughton) presided at a meeting of the Library Committee, which considered a report from the Librarian (Miss Redmond). The Committee unanimously agreed that Castlebar would be the most suitable centre for the library, while the County Council, at its previous meeting, had selected Claremorris.

After discussion, the County Council, at its quarterly meeting, adopted the Committee's report, and approved the selection of Castlebar as the centre for the library.

IRISH RADIO REPORTS.

The editor of the "Irish Radio and Musical Review" writes to us to say that he would welcome brief reports from readers of the *Irish Times* regarding the transmissions of the Dublin Broadcasting Station since the recent change in wave-length. Reports from the South and West will be particularly useful. All reports should be sent to the address of the "Irish Radio Review," 179 Great Brunswick street, Dublin.

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"On the Trail of the Cowboy" was the title of a lecture delivered in the Members' Hall of the Royal Dublin Society, Ballsbridge, yesterday afternoon by Mr. P. Escott-North, F.R.G.S. There was a very large audience, including many juveniles, and the lecture, which was illlustrated by 5,000 feet of film and lantern slides, was much enjoyed.

Mr. Escott-North, who was attired as a cowboy, commenced his lecture by describing the origin of the cowboy, how the cowboy and the cattle trade depend upon the horse, and said that the horse was not indigenous to the soil of America, but was introduced by the Spaniards and by Cortes, and was different from the European horse.

The lecturer went on to describe the difference between the cowboy of fiction and the real cowboy. The former, he said, was usually known as the man who shot bottles off shelves and spent his spare time in rescuing fair damsels; whereas the real cowboy was a hard-working person, often putting in sixteen hours a day.

Describing the dress, he said that the cowboy wore chaperagos (commonly called "chaps"), to protect his legs from the thorns of the cactus and cholla bush. The big spurs on his boots were designed to save the horse from injury. The American spur was merciful, because the point was big, whereas the small, rolled European spur was cruel, because it was small, and the smaller the spike the more needle-like its point was bound to be.

Mr. Escott-North will repeat his lecture this evening at 8 o'clock.

ROBBERY OF A CASH-BOX.

At about 6.30 p.m. on the 23rd inst., Mrs. P. Harkin, Cootehall, Boyle, heard the sound of breaking glass in her shop. Going to the window, she found that a pane of glass had been smashed, and that a cash-box, containing about £150, had been taken through the broken glass.

ROBBERIES IN COUNTY CORK.

Whiskey, brandy and cigarettes, valued at £6, were taken from the licensed premises of Mr. Geoffrey Wycherley, Skibbereen, during the holidays.

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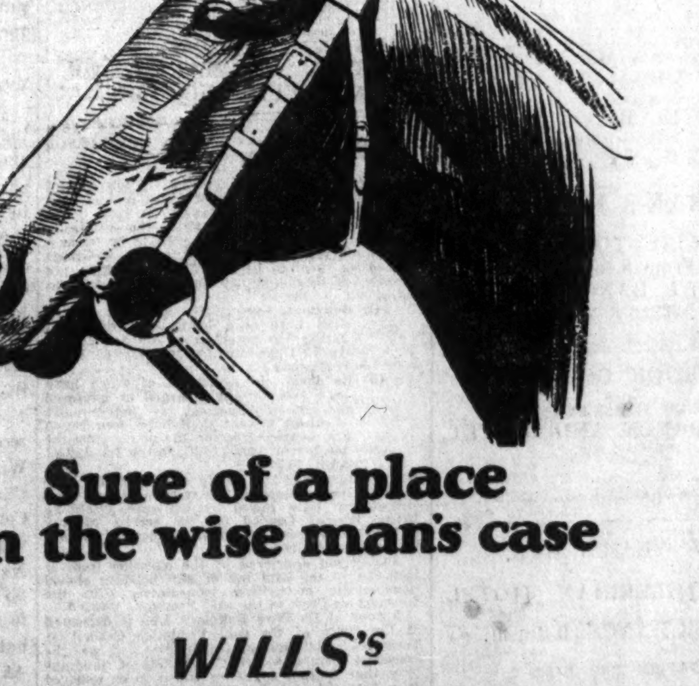

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FORM B.

NOTICE OF MAKING OF NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925, AND THE RATING OF NEW BUILDINGS ORDERS, 1925-1926.

Notice is hereby given that for the purposes of the assessment and making of Rates for the local financial years between the 1st day of April, 1926, and the 1st day of April, 1933, the Pembroke Urban District Council have caused to be made a New Buildings List, being a list of buildings deemed by them to be new buildings within the meaning of Section 69 of the Local Government Act, 1925, namely:—

(i) Buildings, the erection of which was or shall have been begun and completed during the period from the 1st day of April, 1920, to the 1st day of April, 1927; and

(ii) Buildings, the structures of which have been substantially enlarged or improved and the enlargement or improvement of which was or shall have been begun and completed during the period from the 1st day of April, 1920, to the 1st day of April, 1927;

the valuation of which under the Valuation Acts shall for the purposes of the assessment and levying of any Rate raised by the said Pembroke Urban District Council for the service of any of the said local financial years be deemed to have been reduced by two-thirds.

Any person aggrieved by the omission from or inclusion in the said list of any building should communicate in writing immediately with the Secretary or Clerk of the said Pembroke Council.

A copy of the New Buildings List is deposited at the Office of the said Pembroke Council at Town Hall, Ballsbridge, Co. Dublin, and may be inspected thereat, together with lists of buildings from time to time hereafter added to or removed from the said List, by any member of the public on any week-day except Saturday between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

It is provided by Sub-section (5) of Section 69 of the Local Government Act, 1925, that if any doubt, dispute or question shall arise as to whether a building is a new building within the meaning of the said Section, such doubt, dispute or question shall be determined by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, whose decision shall be final.

JOSHUA C. MANLY, Clerk.
Pembroke Urban District Council,
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Town Hall, Ballsbridge, Co. Dublin,
23rd December, 1926.

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Grand Canal House, James's street Harbour, Dublin, 28th December, 1926.

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The Irish Times

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1926.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The total estimated demand of the Belfast Educational Authority for the year ending March, 1928, is £103,315.—(Page 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

In its sixth report, just issued, the English Board of Education's Adult Education Committee discusses the drama as an instrument of education.—(Page 7.)

A wireless telephone service between London and New York will be inaugurated next month.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD.

The Indian National Congress has endorsed the Swarajist programme by a large majority, extremist and moderate amendments being rejected. The programme comprises the non-acceptance of office and the refusal of supplies until the Government makes a satisfactory response to the demand put forward by the Legislative Assembly.—(Page 6.)

Our Berlin Correspondent describes the exploits of a miner who, posing as a son of the ex-Crown Prince, duped the authorities in several German cities.—(Page 5.)

Many rivers in the United States have overflown their banks, and a number of persons have lost their lives.—(Page 5.)

SPORTING

At Leopardstown yesterday La Petite Chose won the Three Years Old Hurdle Race, Matador the Stillorgan Steeplechase, Tifanogue the Dundrum Steeplechase, Kanowna the Bray Steeplechase, and Newtown Park the Corinthian Plate.—(Page 8.)

At Kempton Park Easter Hero won the Gamecock Handicap Steeplechase.—(Page 8.)

At Wolverhampton Major Ray won the Wolverhampton Handicap Hurdle Race.—(Page 8.)

FINANCIAL

London Stock Markets were steady and inclined to go better, but towards the close the tone became easier.—(Page 9.)

Lombard street borrowed a large amount from the Bank in preparation for the end of the year squeeze. Loans into the new year were made up to 5 per cent., and day-to-day money was 3¾ down to 3½ per cent.—(Page 9.)

In Dublin prices were good. Guinness touched 58 and Courtaulds 100s. 3d. B.A.T. rose to 101s.—(Page 9.)

The Lesson of Nicaragua.

The intervention of the United States in the Nicaraguan civil war has caused much anxiety in Central America. On December 23rd Admiral Latimer, the United States commander in the Caribbean Sea, landed a force of marines at Puerto Cabezas, the headquarters of the Liberal leader, Dr. Juan Sacasa, and, having declared the area a neutral zone, ordered Dr. Sacasa and his Government to leave it or to disarm. Nobody seems to know exactly on what authority Admiral Latimer acted; for there is no shred of legal excuse for his conduct. The United States was party to a treaty in 1923 which pledged its signatories not to recognise any Government in Central America that should come into power as the result of a *coup d'état*. Señor Diaz's Government in Nicaragua falls under that category. Dr. Sacasa is the legal President of the country, having been elected Vice-President in the former *régime*, while Señor Diaz's only title to power is naked force. At the moment, despite Admiral Latimer's help, Señor Diaz's forces are being driven back by the Sacasa troops, who are getting arms and munitions, as well as large numbers of volunteers, from Mexico. It is recognised generally that Washington's real object is to weaken Mexican influence in Central America; and Senator Borah has declared bluntly that oil magnates are at the back of the whole business. All Latin America is alarmed at the evident desire of the Washington authorities to establish a virtual protectorate on the Caribbean Sea, and Mexico will have useful friends in the South if she decides to resist this plan.

Nicaragua is only a pawn in the game that is being played by Washington and Mexico. "We have no traditional enemies," declared President Coolidge in his recent message to Congress; "we fear no one, and no one fears us; for all the world knows that the whole extent of our influence is against war and in favour of peace. . . ." It is difficult to reconcile this statement with the manner in which the Government of the United States has acted towards Nicaragua, and more difficult still to reconcile it with the present agitation in Washington for a bigger navy. Mr. Butler, Chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, demands that Congress shall vote £80,000,000 to bring the United States Navy "up to proper fighting strength." So far as it goes, he says, the proposal to build ten new cruisers is satisfactory; but what really is wanted is a new fleet. At least fifty ships of war must be built before America can claim to be mistress of the seas, and until she has reached that position she will not be able to compel other Powers to agree to a general scheme of naval disarmament. There is no doubt at all that a plan is on foot to make considerable additions to America's sea power; and, even if its object is to initiate a new disarmament campaign, the other Powers—particularly Japan—hardly can be blamed if they regard it in a different light. The recent treaty with Panama indicates clearly that the United States is reckoning with the chances of a naval war.

The British Navy is comparatively weak. When the present five years' building programme has been completed, it will have less than half as many ships as it had at the beginning of the Great War. So far as capital ships are concerned, of course, Britain, the United States and Japan are maintaining the ratio of 5:5:3, but in respect of other craft Britain is being left behind. The United States, for instance, has no fewer than 309 destroyers, as against Britain's 191. Britain has 56 submarines, while the United States has 121. Japan has 60, and France has 64, to which she proposes to add 54 in the near future. In the circumstances, Britain seems to be the one Power that is entitled to preach disarmament, and Mr. Butler merely makes himself ridiculous when he asserts that "there is a new high-speed race of naval supremacy between the nations, and we are not in that race." The United States is incomparably the strongest naval Power in the world, so far as material is concerned. Her treaty with Panama has given her an enormous strategic advantage as against Japan, and, if she succeeds in the establishment of a hegemony over Central America, gripping Mexico between the jaws of a pincers, her one danger will be removed. She is bound by no League of Nations Covenant. Her Government has reserved to itself complete freedom of action, and, while the weary peoples of Europe are struggling to create a new international system which will reduce the chances of war to a minimum, the Washington moralists are preparing to build battleships. The myth of American idealism has persisted for a long time, but Admiral Latimer has finished it.

Ireland's Fisheries.

Yesterday our Belfast Correspondent described the notable progress which has been made by the fisheries of Northern Ireland during the last four years. The herring landed at Ardglass represent the main bulk of the produce of the waters of the six counties. The Northern Ministry deserves congratulations upon the success of its efforts, to which the busy activities in the shadow of Shane's castle must be attributed. During the last two years similar progress has been made in the herring fisheries of Leinster; and fishermen have been spared the mortification of gathering a gleaming harvest from the waters only to find it unsaleable. From both Ardglass and Howth big consignments of cured fish have gone overseas, principally to Germany; and the re-opening of the Russian market holds prospects of the revival of what formerly was an immense and profitable market. Less comfortable are the tidings of the Free State fisheries farther removed. In Donegal and Connaught catches have been landed only to bring ridiculous prices. The harvest of the Atlantic goes almost unreaped by Irish nets, and yields its gains only to the large craft from Scottish ports which fish off the Irish waters. Not without justification do the fishing folk of the Atlantic coast complain that the Free State Government seems to be indifferent alike to the needs and to the possibilities of their industry. It is argued sometimes that a new generation of fishermen must be trained and accustomed to prolonged absence upon the waters before the fishing industry of the West can be put upon a profitable basis. We think that, even with their present equipment and their present methods, the people of the little fishing villages could be given relief if certain conditions were fulfilled. First and foremost of the needs of Donegal, of the West, and, in large measure, of the South, is cheap and rapid transport. Road and rail transport from remote places like Downings or Culdaff cannot offer a remedy; and the institution of a swift system of sea transport by the Free State Government is long overdue. Persons interested in the fishing and curing industries are charging the Department of Fisheries with efforts to give Buncrana the monopoly of the fishing business of the North-West. It is useless to ignore the tendency towards concentration everywhere evident—and nowhere more evident than in Leinster, where the progress of Howth goes with a distinct decline in Arklow. We think that the Department has made a sound case for concentration of activity at two or three main points beside the herring grounds. Nevertheless, the provision of direct transport between the Irish landing places and the cross-Channel ports would lead to such improvement in demand and prices that the industry would receive a stimulus which would be felt, not at one or two spots only, but all round the coast. The fact that the fisheries of Northern Ireland and of the Free State depend for prosperity on the same markets across the Channel and overseas indicates an urgent need for united or co-ordinated endeavour.

Two Elephants.

Siam is in a state of joyous excitement over the discovery of a new white elephant. The capture of this sacred beast in the northern jungle is regarded as the best of all omens for the reign of the young King, Prajadipok, and it will be escorted with every circumstance of Oriental splendour to the royal stables at Bangkok. A road will be cut through the jungle by the Ministry of Transport to the nearest point of the Menam, the greatest river of Siam. At his halting places the elephant will be entertained by singers, dancers, musicians and acrobats. On the river a floating house will await him, and his progress to the capital will be like Cleopatra's progress on the Cydnus. Gorgeous attendants will bathe him with jasmine-scented water and will feed him with sugar-cane. The King and his Court will go out to meet him in gilded barges. At Bangkok he will be knighted and will be exhibited for nine days in a magnificent pavilion. Thereafter, with his noble companions, graded according to the whiteness—or, rather, the pinkness—of their complexions, he will spend a life of aristocratic ease in the royal stables. Siamese princes go to Oxford and fly in aeroplanes, and Siamese girls shingle their hair; but still, it seems, where the deeper affections of the heart are concerned, East is East and West is West. Yet it is not wholly true, even in this sense, that no 'buses run from the Bank to Mandalay. To-day London and Siam are acknowledging in different ways the glamour of my lord, the elephant. While Siam is rejoicing in the latest addition to the royal herd, London is mourning the loss of Indiarani, the biggest and best-loved beast in her Zoological Gardens. Indiarani was thirty-five years old, was immensely strong, and weighed more than three tons. She had been ill of late; last week a dose of two bottles of rum failed to stimulate her waning interest in life, and on Friday morning the keepers found her lying dead, *megas megalosti*, on the floor of her stall. She carried at least a million children during her six years at the London "Zoo," where four Indian elephants survive her. Dublin's one elephant, we learn, though in good health, feels lonely, and is waiting eagerly upon the result of Sir Robert Woods's next visit to Siam.

Death in the Pot.

The number of arrests for drunkenness in New York during the Christmas holidays exceeded the total for any previous Christmas since prohibition was introduced. This fact is the more remarkable since the revellers risked a far more serious peril than a mere fine and a mere headache. While the machinery of prohibition has reduced the supply of pure spirits, it has been unable to stop the traffic of thousands of "bootleggers" in adulterated stuff. Anybody who "knows the ropes" can buy intoxicating liquor in the United States; but pure and well-matured spirits are expensive, and the "bootleggers'" cheaper concoctions are too often deadly. On Monday fifteen persons had died in New York from the effects of poisoned liquor, consumed during the holidays; and fifteen of 365 victims in hospitals were reported to be dangerously ill. Doctors put a measure of the blame for these casualties upon the Government, which requires that "denatured" alcohol must be made thoroughly unpalatable before it can be sold for industrial purposes. This is a wise and necessary precaution, but it seems that the ingredients upon which the Government insists are poisonous, and that "denatured" alcohol thus poisoned, forms a large part of the "bootleggers'" stock in trade. The Government's reply to the doctors is that no other ingredients than the poisons on which it insists would be effective, as they could be extracted by distillation. Thus the issue between the Government and the doctors raises a chemical problem, which, in a country so ingenious as the United States, ought not to be incapable of solution. The Government, however, cannot shirk its responsibility. When the lives of many citizens—even though they be law-breaking and foolish citizens—are menaced by the results, direct or indirect, of its own policy, it cannot dismiss the matter with a "*Caveat emptor*."

OBITUARY.

CANON T. L. PAPILLON.

The Times announces the death, at St. Leonards, yesterday, of Canon Thomas Leslie Papillon, at the age of 85. Canon Papillon was a distinguished scholar and educationalist. Born at Lexden, Essex, he was the son of the Rev. John Papillon, Rector of Lexden, and Frances Anne Prudentia, daughter of the Right Rev. John Leslie, Bishop of Kilmore. He was educated at Marlborough and at Balliol College, Oxford, of which he was a Scholar, and was a Fellow of Merton and of New College. He was author of a "Commentary on Virgil" and of articles on Campanology in *The Times* Supplement to the "Encyclopædia Britannica" (9th edition).

THE REV. W. R. B. GLASGOW.

The Rev. W. R. B. Glasgow, Minister of Killinchy (Co. Down) Presbyterian Church, died at the residence of his father, Mr. James Glasgow, Ballyforlea, Moneymore, yesterday. He had gone to his home to spend Christmas with his family, when an operation for appendicitis became necessary. Complications followed, and proved fatal. Mr. Glasgow had been ordained Minister of Killinchy Congregation as lately as the 27th of October last. He was well known in the hockey field, having played for the Belfast Y.M.C.A. and the Knock clubs.

MR. EDWIN STOCKTON.

Mr. Edwin Stockton, father of Sir Edwin Stockton, died on Friday last at his residence, Sunnycot, Sale, in his 84th year. Mr. Stockton for more than half a century had been an official of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—A deep depression is moving east-south-east across Southern Norway, and another depression south of Greenland will probably move north-east. An anti-cyclone will be maintained off the mouth of the Channel. Mild and mainly cloudy weather is probable generally, with occasional rain in the North.

N.W. and N.E. Ireland.—Wind between west and north-west, fresh to strong; mainly cloudy, occasional rain; visibility good; mild.

S.E. and S.W. Ireland.—Wind between west and north-west, moderate to fresh; mainly cloudy; visibility moderate to good; mild.

S.W. Seaboard, Mouth of Channel to South-West Ireland. — Wind between west and north-west, moderate to fresh; mainly cloudy; visibility moderate to good; sea moderate.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel; N.W. Seaboard, Northern Ireland to Hebrides.—Strong west to north-west winds; cloudy, occasional rain locally; visibility moderate to good; sea rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall Barometers and Thermometers 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Dec.	Bar.	Thermometer. Temp. 10 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain, m.m.	Sun hours
21	30.448	38.8	41	34	27	N.W.	—	0,1
22	30.722	40.9	43	32	22	E.	0.3	1.0
23	30.846	41.4	42	40	31	E.	0.1	0.2
24	30.880	42.5	43	39	33	E.	—	—
25	30.844	38.9	43	38	32	S.E.	—	0.0
26	30,744	41.7	44	38	26	—	—	0.0
27	30.364	41.3	42	33	27	S.W.	—	—

THE SUN.
To-day....Rises .. 8.41 Sets 4.13
To-morrow.. „ ... 8.41 „ 4.14
Lighting-up Time 5.13

HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.
To-day....Morning 6.51 Afternoon 7.21
To-morrow.. „ ... 7.51 „ 8.20

EARL OF CAVAN'S CONDITION.

The Earl of Cavan, who met with an accident in the hunting field, is progressing satisfactorily, and there is not the slightest apprehension that his injury will interfere in any way with his engagement to accompany the Duke and Duchess of York to the Antipodes as Chief of Staff to the Duke.

The Duke of York, who is very busy over the preparations for his Australasian tour, will go to Windsor on Tuesday for a final shoot before he leaves England, and it is probable that the Prince of Wales will spend the day with him.

MR. BALDWIN'S OLDEST CONSTITUENT.

Mr. Baldwin has lost his oldest constituent, Mr. Francis Carr, of Handley Castle, who died yesterday.

When he recently celebrated his 103rd birthday he was congratulated by the King and Queen, as well as by the Prime Minister, and this Christmas he received good wishes from all over the country.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

By the King's Command, the Earl of Cromer, Lord Chamberlain, called at the Japanese Embassy and conveyed His Majesty's condolences on the death of the late Emperor of Japan.

The Prince of Wales will remain with the King and Queen at Sandringham till Friday, when he will leave for Melton Mowbray. His Royal Highness will return to London next Monday.

The Duke and Duchess of York, who spent Christmas with the King and Queen at Sandringham, returned to London yesterday. They will remain in residence at 17 Bruton street, till January 6th, when they will embark at Portsmouth on H.M.S. Renown, for their tour of the Antipodes.

Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll spent Christmas at Kensington Palace. She will leave early in the New Year for the South of France, and will be the guest of the Duke of Connaught at his villa near Beaulieu.

The King of the Belgians has conferred the Order of the Crown (second class) on Mr. Montague Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, in recognition of his services in the successful reform of the Belgian currency. The Duke and Duchess of Brabant returned from their honeymoon last week, and joined the Belgian Royal Family in Brussels for Christmas. Their Royal Highnesses have taken up their residence in the Palais de Belle-vue, which forms one of the wings of the Palais in the Place Royale.

Lord and Lady Louis Mountbatten, who are entertaining a party at Adsdean, near Chichester, will leave shortly for Malta. They are among the patrons of the "Happy New Year" Ball which will take place on Friday night in the Royal Albert Hall.

The Marquis of Donegall is one of the latest arrivals at St. Moritz, where the hotels are crowded with British visitors. The arrivals at Pontresina include the Countess of Hardwicke, Lady Elizabeth Yorke, Viscount and Viscountess Bury, the Hon. Derek Keppel, Lady Mildred Fitzgerald, Lady Winifred and Miss Renshaw, the Right Hon. L. S. Amery and Mrs. Amery, Lady Farrer, the Hon. Anne Farrer, Lord Petre, the Hon. Elizabeth Petre, Sir William and Lady Max-Muller, Lady Spring Rice and Lady Fairfax. The Right Hon. Sir John Simon and Sir Ernest Benn have left London for Pontresina.

The Earl and Countess of Mar and Kellie have arrived in London, and will leave to-morrow for the South of France, where they will remain for some weeks. Priscilla Countess Annesley will not return from her Spanish yachting trip till the end of January. Lord Farnham will leave London to-morrow for Switzerland. Lord Hothfield will start for South Africa this week, and Sir Montague Barlow will leave in the ss. Mulbera for a tour through East and Central Africa.

Major Dermot and Lady Helen McCalmont's Christmas house party at Mountjuliet, Thomastown, included Sir Hercules and Lady Langrishe, Knocktopher Abbey; the Hon. Lady Rose McCalmont, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Fitzpatrick, Dunboyne; Captain and Mrs. Baggott Chesters and Miss Peggy Chesters, Major Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Derrick Arthur Hall Dare, R.A., only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hall Dare, of Cliff, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin, and Olive Mary Bishop, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bishop, Fernbank, Sandymount, Co. Dublin, and grand-daughter of the late W. G. C. Wade, Clonebraney, Crossakiel, Co. Meath.

Dr. Francis A. Winder, who has been ill since 17th December, is still unable to see his patients.

The Kildare Hunt Ball will now take place at Bishopscourt, by kind permission of Mrs. Edward Kennedy, on Wednesday, 5th of January, 9.30 p.m. Tickets—30s., inclusive, to 1st of January, afterwards 35s.—from the Hon. Secretary, Captain de Burgh, Oldtown, Naas, or *Kildare Observer* Office, Naas.

"Just as though Nature herself had placed it there!" is an oft-repeated description of the "Eugène" Permanent Wave—the method practised at Switzers Ladies' Hairdressing Salons. For appointments 'phone "Dublin 4651."

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Chancellor and Son for New Year's Gifts.

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In order to keep our workers employed at this season, we are making tailored suits for 5½ gns.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals — Mrs. J. D. MacNamara, Miss J. Fitzpatrick, G. A. Stanley, P. R. Millington, N. R. Goodman, Alan M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stephens, J. H. Stephens, C. Fitzgerald, F. W. Price, T. Preedie, C. W. Leslie, R. Graham Leslie, F. Kennedy Cahill, M.D.

Departures—E. L. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. A. Stone, the Rev. O. A. C. Irwin, O. H. Morris, Mr and Mrs. B. B. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Brennan, Dr. Myles Keogh, T.D.; David H. Charles, LL.B.; Dr. H. Mitchell, Fred W. Warden, Captain J. Hunt, J. B. Wood, Lord Glenavy, Hugh C. O'Hare, Surgeon-Lieutenant A. E. Philips, R.N.; John H. Reid, the Rev. J. and Mrs. Sinclair Stevenson, H. S. Hanna, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

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TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Red Riding Hood," 2 and 7.30.
Theatre Royal—"Slumberland," 2.30 p.m.; "Our Cabaret," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"Jack and the Beanstalk," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Robinson Crusoe," 2.30, 6.45, and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"Juno and the Paycock," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—"The Dixies," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Metropole Cinema—"The Blue Danube," 2.45, 4.55, 7.5, and 9.15 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"The Man Who Found Himself," 4.15, 6.45, and 9.10 p.m.
Grafton Cinema—"The Cohen's and Kelly's."
Grand Central Cinema—"Seven Keys to Baldpate," 3 and 8 p.m.
Pavilion Cinema, Dun Laoghaire—"Oh! What a Nurse," 3.40, 6.20, and 8.50 p.m.
Royal Dublin Society Lecture, 8 p.m.
Gala Dance and Supper, Winter Gardens, Theatre Royal.
Dublin Union, 11 a.m.

PRINCESS MARY'S ELDER SON "BLOODED."

Short, the huntsman to the Bramham Moor Foxhounds, of which Viscount Lascelles is Master, on Monday had the honour of blooding Princess Mary's elder son. Short is to retire at the end of the present season. Fifty years of age, he is well known in hunting circles, and comes of a long hunting family. He claims to have had almost every bone in his body broken, but is emphatic in the opinion that hunting is the best sport in the world. Most of his life has been spent in the saddle.

EX-ENEMY PROPERTY IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

The Board of Trade announces the appointment of Mr. W. E. Maclatchy, Commissioner, and Secretary of the Land Purchase Commission, Belfast, to act as custodian of ex-enemy property for Northern Ireland, in succession to the late Mr. T. G. H. Green.

LONDON LETTER.

BACK TO WORK.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,

TUESDAY NIGHT.

The Londoner returned to work to-day somewhat reluctantly; for the early morning trains were only half filled, and the same thing was reported of the road traffic. In Central London a great many business houses have closed down until to-morrow, and this accounted for the absence of the usual rush to business. A clammy fog played a great part in traffic movement during the morning; for, while it was particularly dense in some places, in others it was comparatively thin, but bad enough in most of the big thoroughfares to prevent quick movement of vehicles. The weather experts tell us that there is to be a prevalence of foggy conditions for some days to come.

The Sales.

The wheels of commerce have not yet been put in complete operation after the Christmas holidays, and to-day was a sort of informal bank holiday, with the exception that all the banks are open. So far as the West End is concerned, there will be little trade until the sales begin, and in this connection there is a disposition to advance the date of the bargain period, which in some places starts to-morrow, instead of in January, as formerly was the custom. On the whole, the Christmas trade is described as being quite satisfactory, in view of the industrial disturbance of the past eight months, the effect of which has not yet been overcome.

War Debts.

With the new year the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Treasury are again to consider the question of outstanding war debts, in view of our present financial position. Negotiations are already taking place with delegates from Portugal, while M. Venizelos is in charge of the discussions promoted by the Greek Government. M. Venizelos, an expert financier, is trying to secure a bargain with Great Britain which will be of considerable advantage to Greece, but he has not made much progress. With regard to Portugal, it is anticipated that there will be little difficulty in arranging a satisfactory settlement.

A New Loan.

Financial circles in the City of London were somewhat surprised this morning by the announcement that an immediate issue is to be made of a Four *per Cent.* Consolidated Loan, redeemable at par at the option of the Government on and after February 1st, 1957. It was inevitable that a scheme should be put forward for redeeming the huge amount of maturing debt next year; but the general impression was that nothing would be done before the end of January or early in February, especially as money conditions just now are by no means favourable. However, the suddenness of the announcement has caused no serious dislocation of business in the Gilt-edged market, though there is a tendency to restrict dealings pending the publication of the issue price.

Motor Licences.

As a consequence of the Budget of this year haulage contractors and users of heavy motor vehicles are anxiously watching the effect which the greatly increased scale of licence duties must have upon running costs. The increase will affect omnibuses in particular, and the London General Omnibus Company, though it has had the matter under consideration, has not yet reached a decision concerning a possible increase in fares. It is understood that the new scale may cost the omnibus combine as much as £100,000 a year, while country 'bus companies are in an even worse position, as a differentiation which has existed hitherto in their favour is now dropped. Haulage contractors are very anxious, because the margin on which they now work is small, and it is feared that, with an increase in charges, there may be a return to horse traffic, which now is being used much more freely than was the case two years ago.

The American Navy.

The decision of the United States Senate that ten new cruisers shall be built has not created any great stir in Government circles on this side of the Atlantic, particularly in London. The British Government's building programme for 1926-7 has not yet been started, but that programme is strictly in conformity with the Washington Treaty. This means that our Government is somewhat behind with construction, but this applies to the United States as well. Disarmament and relative questions will be in the forefront during the next twelve months, and it is understood that the preparatory commission of the Disarmament Conference of the League of Nations has pursued its work with such energy that it may be ready to discuss the programme of such a conference in February next. It is generally held in diplomatic circles that this conference will meet just before the eighth assembly of the League in September, probably in June.

The Duke of York.

The Duke and Duchess of York returned to London to-day on the conclusion of their Christmas visit to the King and Queen at Sandringham, though the other members of the Royal Family are remaining for the present. The Duke and Duchess were desirous of getting back to London to complete their preparations for departure on the 6th of January. The Renown is almost completed, and ready for the Royal travellers, except for the taking in of stores. A wireless receiving set has been installed in the Duke's cabin, while the travellers will not lack for music; for three bands will serve on the Renown, including a jazz band for dancing. The corps of Royal Marines has lent the Renown its famous silver bugles, and these will be used on State occasions to sound the fanfares. They will play a fanfare at Canberra when the Duke opens the new Parliament House.

Coal Supplies.

Coal is still in short supply in London, and merchants are limiting consumers to two cwt. until the shortage is overcome. In the West End some householders have been glad to purchase half a cwt., and to have it delivered at their own expense. No satisfactory explanation of the [illegible] is forthcoming. The merchants blame the railway companies for failure to deliver supplies which are lying in sidings *en route* to their destination, while the railways maintain that the fault is with the merchants, who have neglected to unload wagons, and thereby hindered the regular flow of coal to the London *dépôts*.

Mechanical Transport.

So rapid has been the progress of mechanical transport in the Army that early in the new year a complete mechanical brigade will begin its training. In the experimental brigade the infantry will be converted into mobile machine-gun battalions, transported by means of six-wheeled lorries, and they will act with a field brigade of Royal Artillery, a battalion of the Royal Tank Corps and a field company of the Royal Engineers. So far as possible, all branches will make use of the same type of six-wheelers, and a course of instruction in these vehicles for infantry officers is at present being held. Tidworth is to be the headquarters of the new brigade, which will perform its initial training on Salisbury Plain.

Sir Richard Charles Acton Throckmorton, Bart., born in 1839, lies in a London hospital suffering from injuries caused by a fall. It is from this family that Throgmorton street derives its name.

TRUCE TO BURY THE DEAD.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN NICARAGUA.

GUN-RUNNING.

U.S. MARINES LANDED.

THE civil war in Nicaragua, according to Senator Borah, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the United States Senate, is "instigated and directed from Washington, by persons who are not Nicaraguans, for business reasons."

A battle between the two forces was stopped after four days, so that the dead could be buried. It is stated that the troops of the Conservative Government have suffered heavily.

BATTLE STOPPED TO BURY DEAD.

HEAVY LOSSES OF THE CONSERVATIVES.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Wednesday.

The details thus far received, although meagre, indicate that the battle between Conservative and Liberal forces near Pearl Lagoon, on the East Coast of Nicaragua, was an affair of considerable importance for determining the control of Nicaragua.

The struggle lasted four days, the Liberal strength being estimated at 1,500 and the Conservative at 1,300. The Liberals had several guns.

TRUCE TO BURY THE DEAD.

The casualties were so heavy that the parties afterwards declared a truce to bury the dead.

The Conservatives are believed to have narrowly escaped annihilation or capture. The Conservative defeat has intensified the political atmosphere in Managua, the capital, where it is now realised that the Diaz Government lacks funds, while the Liberal faction, which has been recognised as the legal Government by Mexico, is expecting both financial assistance and the arrival of the gun-runner Temporal, bringing Mexican arms, munitions, and, possibly also, reinforcements to Cosiguina.

GUN-RUNNING.

The Conservatives consequently see a ray of hope in the rumours that Admiral Latimer may declare a neutral zone round every East Coast port, thus automatically preventing gun-running, besides depriving the Liberals of the moral support of Eastern towns.

Since the Liberal leader, Dr. Sacasa, still occupies Puerto Cabezas, it is evident that Managua exaggerates the extent of the interference of Admiral Latimer in declaring neutral zones round the principal United States residential sectors.

NOT TAKING SIDES.

OFFICIAL VIEW IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

The spokesman of the White House referred this morning to the situation in Nicaragua, as to which he declared the Press had been "misled." There was a revolution going on, he said, and whenever conditions of that kind existed it meant trouble for United States citizens and property, with the result that the United States found it "almost always" necessary to take action; but, he explained, the United States "never takes sides."

WILL BE DISARMED.

Importance was attached to the fact that Dr. Sacasa, the Liberal leader, has not been "molested," but that an American lumber company had provided for him and the members of his Cabinet a house at Puerto Cabezas. To this it should be added that Admiral Latimer, Commanding the United States war vessels in Nicaraguan waters, has informed the forces of Senor Diaz that, if they should be obliged "to enter the neutral zone because of lack of food or any other emergency," they also would be disarmed.

This coincides with the announcement of a defeat of Diaz troops by the Sacasa faction at a point 30 miles north of Bluefields, and a report that the Liberals have a good supply of field artillery.

"BUSINESS REASONS."

The President's view of the situation does not seem to be shared by Senator Borah, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, who yesterday expressed the belief that "a large part of the Nicaraguan revolution is being instigated and directed from Washington by persons not Nicaraguans, and for business reasons."

U.S. GOVERNMENT EMBARRASSED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

The latest turn in the fortunes of the civil war in Nicaragua, where the Conservative Government forces are now reported to be retreating, is, apparently, considered by certain members of Congress to have made the recent landing of U.S. marines on the East coast of Nicaragua embarrassing to the Washington Government.

Mr. Borah, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate, after communicating with Mr. Kellogg, Secretary of State, has repeated the Department's assertion that the landing was ordered solely for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of United States citizens in that region, but he has gone on to express the opinion that a large part of the Nicaraguan revolution is instigated and directed from Washington, by persons who are not Nicaraguan, for "business reasons."

SAVED 103 LIVES.

DOG GIVES FIRE ALARM.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
VIENNA, Tuesday.

The watchfulness of a dog saved the lives of a hundred and three people who were spending Christmas night in a rest house on the mountain of Schneeberg. They intended to go ski-ing the next day.

In the middle of the night the barking of a dog awakened the caretaker of the rest-house, who found himself almost cut off by flames.

The guests fought the flames by throwing snow on to the fire.

RACING IN ENGLAND.

NEW SYSTEM OF TURF MANAGEMENT.

There is a probability that early in the new year there will be set up a new organisation, composed of representatives of all those interested in horse racing, which will create a new system of turf management. Lord Lonsdale will be one of the prime movers in this matter. It will most likely be discussed at a joint meeting of all those concerned with racing and betting, which is to be held in February to consider the betting tax.

"The proposal to set up an organisation representative of all the lawful interests connected with the Turf is excellent, but if it is to be developed on practical lines, the lead must be taken by the Jockey Club," said Mr. W. J. Randall, Secretary of the Turf Guardian Society, to a *Star* reporter yesterday.

"They are the supreme authorities of the Turf, and it would be a very bad thing for racing if they were deprived of any part of their powers. Of course, nothing of the kind is intended, and, therefore, it is essential that the first move in the formation of any new body on the lines suggested should be taken by the Stewards of the Jockey Club.

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

"A week or so ago Lord Lonsdale gave me permission to state publicly that early in February the Jockey Club, or he, personally, would convene a round table conference of all the recognised bodies concerned with racing and betting, with a view to some strong representations being made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the modification of the betting tax.

"The tax in its present form is an unbearable burden on racing, and the case for its amendment is so strong that there is every hope that relief will be provided in the next Finance Bill.

"Obviously in this movement there is encouragement for hoping that a strong, fully representative organisation will be permanently set up, and the whole of the racing world would welcome the idea if it were put forward in the proper quarter—that is, by the Jockey Club."

MR. MORRIS'S BID FOR WOLSELEYS.

PLAN TO RESTART THE WORKS AT ONCE.

"An offer made by me to take over the business of Wolseley Motors, Ltd., has been accepted by the receivers subject to the approval of the Chancery Court."

Mr. W. R. Morris, Chairman of Morris Motors, Ltd., made this statement to the *Evening Standard* yesterday in reference to the negotiations which have been proceeding, following the winding-up order that was made recently against the Wolseley Company on the application of first mortgage debenture stockholders.

Mr. Morris said that the scheme would be quite independent of Morris Motors, Ltd., and in the reorganisation he had in view there would not be any changes in the design of the Wolseley car, but a concentration on the six-cylinder model.

It is understood that the committee of debenture holders of Wolseley Motors, Ltd., support the offer for the purchase of the business by Mr. Morris.

The committee which previously considered other offers, however, has no power in the matter, and the acceptance of Mr. Morris's offer depends entirely upon the decision of the Court. If Mr. Morris's offer is accepted by the Court, he proposes to re-start the works immediately.

A MILLIONAIRE AT SEVEN.

SIR R. CLARKE'S HEIR.

Owing to the sudden death, in his villa at Monte Carlo on Christmas night, of Sir Rupert Clarke, a boy of seven becomes a baronet and inherits a fortune estimated at a million pounds. Sir Rupert was 61 years of age, and the second baronet. His father, whom he succeeded in 1897, was Sir William Clarke, of Rupertswood, Victoria, Australia. Like his father, Sir Rupert was at one time a member of the Legislative Council of Victoria.

Sir Rupert's grandfather, who was known as "Big Clarke," was an Aldgate butcher, who emigrated to Tasmania, and, finding no outlet in that small colony for his energies, crossed to Melbourne, where he secured "for a song" property which, following the discovery of gold, became worth a fortune. "Big Clarke" was able to hand on to his son an estate of 113,000 acres near Melbourne, which passed in turn to Sir Rupert.

In 1909 Sir Rupert offered this valuable estate to the Government for the purpose of closer settlement, as one of his great interests was the colonisation of Australia by Britons.

BRITISH GUINEA EXPEDITION.

Another interest of Sir Rupert, says the *Evening News*, was ethnology, and in 1914 he equipped and led an exploring expedition up the Fly River in British New Guinea, penetrating twenty miles beyond the limit reached twenty years before by Sir William MacGregor's explorations.

Sir Rupert married, in 1886, Aimee Murray, daughter of the Hon. T. C. Cummings, of Victoria, who obtained a divorce from him in 1909. In 1918 he married, as his second wife, Elsie Florence, daughter of James Partridge Tucker, of Sydney. He is succeeded by the eldest of the three children of this marriage, Rupert William John, who is only seven years old. By the first marriage there were two daughters, but no son. During the war Sir Rupert served with the Royal Army Service Corps. His death is attributed to heart failure.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

COACHES JUMP THE METALS.

The express train service from Southampton to London was delayed yesterday by an accident at Winchester. Two coaches of a train jumped the metals just outside the station, blocking the main line for three hours, while a break-down gang lifted the coaches back into position.

The train involved was proceeding slowly at the time of the accident, and there were no injuries.

FOG SUSPENDS AIR SERVICES.

Owing to a thick fog in the English Channel, air services from Croydon to the Continent were suspended yesterday.

TELEPHONING TO NEW YORK.

WIRELESS SERVICE NEXT MONTH.

THREE MINUTES' TALK FOR £15.

Next month will witness an important development in wireless telephony. It will be possible for a business man in London to talk to his customer in New York without rising from his office chair. Details of the new service were issued last night by the British Postmaster-General. The charges are:—

Three minutes' conversation	£15
Every additional minute ...	£5
Maximum length of call ...	12 minutes

The circuit is now arranged so that any telephone subscriber in the London telephone area may talk from his home or office to any subscriber in the New York area.

THE FIRST SUCCESS.

It may be recalled that two-way conversation between England and America was first attained on February 7th this year. A month later a successful demonstration of telephony was given to Press representatives in London and New York. For four hours Pressmen talked from the Trunk Exchange, London, to their *confrères* in New York with ease and clarity. Three years earlier—in 1923—the voices of speakers in New York had been heard clearly by a large audience in New Southgate, London.

Following on this demonstration the Postmaster-General decided to co-operate with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Western Electric Company in the attempt to establish a commercial wireless telephone service between England and America. The result is seen in last night's announcement.

PASSING A CALL.

Calls will be accepted in London for a particular person, if so desired, in which case the name of the person required, as well as his usual telephone number and the name associated with this number in the telephone directory, should be given. If the person asked for is not obtainable either at his own telephone station or at some other telephone station in the New York area, the calling subscriber will be asked whether he wishes to speak to another person at the telephone station designated.

In the present stage of technical knowledge there will be occasions, more particularly in the late afternoon, when atmospheric conditions will prevent effective conversation, and allowance will be made in charging for individual calls when the conditions have been difficult. The normal charge will not be levied unless effective conversation is actually offered between the calling subscriber and the person asked for, or a substitute accepted by the caller when communication with the number required is established; but, if neither the person required nor an accepted substitute is obtainable, a report charge of £2 will be made in place of the normal charge. When communication with the number is not established no charge will be made.

HOW THE VOICE TRAVELS.

When the London subscriber speaks from his office in the city his voice currents pass through underground cables to the Trunk Exchange near St. Paul's Cathedral. Thence they pass to special underground long-distance cables to the wireless station at Rugby. At this point they undergo a transformation, which converts them into wireless waves which pass across the Atlantic to Houlton, Maine, United States, where the receiving arrangements of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company are installed. From Houlton they pass by land line, 500 miles to the New York long-distance Exchange, and from thence to the subscriber.

Reversing the process, we will now follow the operations which take place when the New York subscriber replies. His voice currents pass on underground cables from his office to the long-distance Exchange, from whence they proceed over underground cables, a distance of 70 miles to the wireless station on Long Island. Here they are transformed into wireless waves, as at Rugby, and traverse the ocean to Wroughton, near Swindon, where the Post Office receiver converts the wireless waves back into voice frequency currents suitable for transmission along the underground cables to the London Trunk Exchange, and thence to the subscriber.

FAULTS TO BE EXPECTED.

Although the fight against atmospherics has progressed rapidly they are not completely overcome, and it is to be expected that there will be occasions when the circuit will be unworkable.

The difference in time between London and New York is five hours, and the New York business day may be said to begin at about 2 p.m. in England. Between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. the business hours overlap, and communication may be established between the business offices on the two sides of the Atlantic.

The fee fixed for this service includes a privilege not given in the inland or Continental services—namely, the two Administrations will endeavour to find a particular person wanted, and to put the caller into communication with him. If he cannot be found, and a substitute acceptable to the caller is not available, the only charge made will be a report charge of £2 towards the cost incurred in the attempt.

CASTLE FOR THE POOR.

VIENNA CORPORATION'S PLAN.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
VIENNA, Tuesday.

Some mystery surrounded the sale by auction several weeks ago of one of Austria's most beautiful castles, formerly belonging to the Archduke Leopold Salvator.

The castle was sold at a very low figure, and no one knew who the purchaser was. It now appears that the Social Democratic Administration of the City of Vienna is the actual buyer, and is about to convert the castle into a children's home for the poor children of Vienna.

MISS BETTY BALFOUR.

PARIS, Tuesday, 11.30 p.m.

The condition of Miss Betty Balfour, the film star, was stationary to-night.

During the day her temperature rose to 103, but she seems somewhat brighter.—(Reuter.)

COST OF BELFAST'S EDUCATION.

ESTIMATES FOR NEXT YEAR.

A special meeting of the Belfast Corporation has been called for Friday next to pass the Educational Authority's estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year ending March, 1928.

The total estimated demand is £103,315. It represents 1s. 2¾d. in the £ on the rates; but from this amount will be deducted 8d. in the £ by way of subsidy from the Northern Government, leaving a net charge of 6¾d. on the rates, compared with 5½d. for 1926 and 1927.

Alderman Duff, in presenting the estimate, expresses the conviction that the amount will be under-spent by a greater sum than the increase sought. He pleads for a more liberal programme of new school buildings in the coming financial year, and suggests that the need for the erection of new schools in the Upper Riga street and Blythe street sites is clamant.

The Director of Education estimates that 60 schools will be transferred to the Education Authority at the 1st of April, 1927, and he anticipates that another 20 will be added during the year.

The total estimate under the heading Higher Education is reduced by £1,500, notwithstanding that four additional evening continuation class centres have been opened.

Instead of increasing the number of scholarship awards, the Committee have provided £1,000 to extend to a fourth year the scholarships at present tenable for three years only.

A table shows that of 65,000 pupils, 28,000 now are in transferred schools or model schools, the non-transferred pupils including 21,000 Protestants and 19,000 Roman Catholics.

ATTEMPT TO DERAIL A TRAIN.

100 LIVES ENDANGERED IN MAYO.

The lives of 100 passengers were jeopardised some nights ago, when an attempt was made to derail the 8 p.m. train from Westport to Newport.

Two boulders were placed on the line at a level crossing about 200 yards from the first tunnel near the entrance to Newport Station. One of the stones was so fixed in a sleeper that when the train reached it the sleeper would tip up and so derail the engine.

Fortunately steam had been shut off for some time before the impact was felt by the driver. The two front wheels of the engine, which was of the bogey type, left the rails and the train ran on for a hundred yards before it could be stopped.

No one was injured. Many of those on the train were harvestmen who were returning from England.

MR. G. B. SHAW AS A FILM ACTOR.

HIS PART IN "SAINT JOAN."

Mr. George Bernard Shaw's flirtations with the cinema look like leading to a serious affair at last. Following his recent declaration that he might accept offers for a talking film at a fee of "a few millions," the *Evening Standard* learns that the capture of Mr. Shaw for the screen may be more imminent than his interview suggested—and probably at a somewhat smaller fee.

The fact is that Mr. Shaw contemplates appearing for the British Phonofilm Company in a version of "Saint Joan," with Sybil Thorndike enacting her most successful *rôle*. The dramatist's final consent is conditional upon his being satisfied as to the technical merits of the process. In view of the developments that are being made with the British process, as indicated by the "Julius Cæsar" film, there seems to be hope of this interesting event.

One act of "Saint Joan" would be given, and Mr. Shaw himself would appear on the screen to give a preliminary lecture, which would be the cinematographic equivalent of one of his famous play prefaces—but probably rather briefer.

ALSO A SILENT FILM.

"Joan of Arc" is also to be made into a silent film drama, it is understood. The plan is being discussed by the great French organisation, the Société Générale des Films and a campaign has been begun in part of the French Press, because rumour names Lillian Gish as the actress to play Joan, and M. Carl Dreier as director.

One comment is: "Can you imagine Lillian Gish charging on horseback, sword in hand, at the head of her soldiers? One can be a great artist and not be able to wear armour." Years ago the Americans made a film of Joan of Arc, with Geraldine Farrar, the singer, in the title-*rôle*.

BROADCAST PRIZES WITHHELD.

MUSICAL WORKS NOT OF SUFFICIENT MERIT.

None of the 240 works submitted for the British Broadcasting Company's musical competition was of sufficient merit to justify the award of prizes. Younger and lesser known composers were invited to send in works ranging from symphonies to song cycles for prizes totalling £1,000, divided into six classes.

The judges were:—

Sir Hugh Allen, Lieut. B. Walter Sir Edward Elgar, O'Donnell, Mr. Hubert J. Foss, Mr. Percy Pitt, and Sir Hamilton Harty, Sir Landon Ronald. Mr. J. B. McEwen,

They were unanimous in concluding that in not one of the classes was there a single work which reached the standard meriting the important prizes offered, and they felt that more harm than good would be done to British music by any awards.

Some of the works (say the judges) displayed a considerable degree of technique in composition, but were deficient in inspiration. Others, embodying good ideas, failed from the inexperience of the composers in dealing with the medium chosen.

The judges suggest that, in place of competitions of this class, definite commissions should be given to accepted composers if new works were required.

As a result of being thrown from his horse on Christmas morning, Sir William Berry sustained a fractured collar-bone and two broken ribs. He is progressing favourably, and it is hoped that he will be well enough to travel to the South of France some time next week.

MANY RIVERS OVERFLOW.

MORE DEATHS.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS IN AMERICA.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Tuesday.

The deaths in the South-West due to the overflowing of their banks by many rivers have increased to twelve, and the number of homeless is now four thousand. Over three thousand persons have been driven by the rising waters of the Cumberland River from their houses in Nashville (Tennessee), where the stream flows "S"-wise through the city.

The damage to property in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky is estimated to exceed a million dollars.

The train service is disorganised through the necessity of making detours to avoid flooded tracks and wrecked bridges, while many highways are impassable.

To-day the lowlands along the Ohio River in Kentucky and Indiana are beginning to be badly flooded.

The official forecast was for rain throughout the South, so there is a possibility of even greater damage being done.

SNOW IN SPAIN.

COLDEST DAYS DURING THIS CENTURY.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
MADRID, December 27.

The twentieth century record in Spain has been broken by a snowstorm which is covering virtually the whole of the country, accompanied by new low temperature records.

The orange crops in Valencia are seriously menaced in sections where severe cold has been hitherto unknown.

Packs of wolves are appearing on the edge of the villages in Northern Spain.

Four deaths due to the cold have been reported in Madrid and one in San Sebastian. Telegraph wires are reported down, and many villages are beyond communication.

The temperature in Madrid is 20 degrees above zero Fahrenheit and in Asturia 8 above.

MALAY FLOODS.

BUSINESS AT A STANDSTILL.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
SINGAPORE, Tuesday.

Following a week's rain there have been serious floods in Malay, especially at Ipoh (in Perak), where business has been brought to a stand-still. The water is two feet deep around the counters of the Hong Kong Bank. The train service is suspended.

The river has overflowed at Kuala Lumpur (Selangor), and the centre of the town is inundated. The river is rising and the rains continue.—(Per Press Association. Copyright.)

GERMAN ARRESTED IN PARIS.

CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE.

PARIS, Tuesday.

The Paris police have arrested a foreigner, whose name is given as Vivian Stranders, manager of several aviation firms in Berlin, on a charge of having engaged in espionage on German account during his visits to Paris.

An official of a German espionage bureau is said to have handed Stranders a list of twenty questions relating to the progress of French aviation and the latest discoveries in the domain of armaments.

The accused came to Paris during the recent aviation exhibition here. Detectives shadowed him, and the sequel was his arrest at the railway station just as he was on the point of returning to Germany.

The arrested man is said to have admitted in a long examination the object of his visit to Paris, and has been sent to the Santé Prison.—(Reuter.)

A TALKING MONKEY.

SIMIAN CURIOSITY IN MADRID.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
MADRID, Tuesday.

The only talking monkey in existence has arrived in Madrid as a protégé of Frau Greta Goldenberg, the celebrated German naturalist, who is on her way to Berlin. The monkey is a female and wears spectacles, and when fully dressed looks like an old lady of ninety-five or a hundred years.

Frau Goldenberg has just returned from the former German African colony, Kamerun—which is now a French possession—*via* Spanish Guinea. She has been studying the dialects of the primitive African tribes, and she insists that the monkey has mastered numerous words which it pronounces and understands perfectly. It is believed to be the most scholarly simian in captivity.

The monkey will be taken to Hamburg, where it will be presented to the Stelligen Institute, which is famed for its collection of animals and flowers.

UNHAPPY ST. KILDA.

DAINTIES THAT CANNOT BE DELIVERED.

A new year without seasonable fare is likely to be the unhappy fate of the lonely inhabitants of St. Kilda, in the Outer Hebrides, off the West coast of Scotland.

In Fleetwood Post Office to-day there were seen nine huge mail bags, full of parcels of dainties, destined for the new year festivities of the islanders. How long these parcels will remain in the post office cannot be told; for, in spite of an appeal by local postal authorities, no fishing trawlers can be found to make delivery.

All postal matter destined for St. Kilda has to travel *via* Fleetwood. The masters of fishing vessels take the mails, and deliver them when they can. They receive no payment for the work. The last delivery was made on November 9th.

Objections to making the trip put forward by trawler owners is that fishing in the vicinity of St. Kilda does not pay at this season, and that landing at this time of the year is extremely hazardous.

LATE NEWS.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

A WAITING POLICY.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Tuesday.

A Council of Ministers which was held this morning at the Elysée devoted its attention, among other things, to the British memorandum on China. It does not appear that the views set forth in the memorandum have inclined the Quai d'Orsay as yet to depart from its adopted policy in Chinese affairs, which is one of great prudence and reserve. The instructions which have been sent to the French agents who are in contact with the Canton Government are to maintain a purely passive attitude unless the safety of French nationals calls for action.

The French view is that the time has not yet come for a change in policy, and that all that can be done at present is to wait and see how the struggle now engaged between the forces of the North and South turns out. It is believed that this represents the gist of M. Briand's report to the Cabinet. It seems unlikely that the French Government will accept joint action by the Powers on the lines proposed in the British memorandum until the situation in China has reached a more definite stage.

A SEMI-OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Tuesday.

M. Briand made a statement to the Cabinet to-day on the situation in China. His view of the attitude that the French Government should take was approved by the Cabinet. It is understood that the French Government does not intend to depart from the attitude of observation and expectation which it has adopted since the outset of the present conflict in China.

In the afternoon instructions were telegraphed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to its representatives in Peking, London, Brussels, Washington, Rome, The Hague, and Lisbon. At the same time M. Philippe Berthelot, a high official of the Quai d'Orsay, was receiving the Chinese Minister.

A semi-official statement, issued late this evening, states that the joint declaration proposed by Great Britain is not held to be necessary by French opinion, and that the French Government takes the view that it is inadvisable to discuss the rights of foreigners over the head of the opposing Chinese Governments, and that it would be wiser to let the crisis pass over until negotiations can be entered into with really representative Chinese authorities.

In all interested quarters, the initiative of M. Briand will be unanimously approved in France.

OBSERVATION AND EXPECTATION.

After the publication of the British Memorandum, it was necessary that France should make known on her part her intentions to the other interested Powers. For the moment France does not intend to depart from the attitude of observation and expectation which she has observed since the beginnig of the conflict which divides China.

On December 18 the British *Chargé d'Affaires* in Peking handed, without warning to the Ministers of the Powers signatory to the Washington Treaty, a Memorandum, suggesting the publication of a joint statement defining the basis of a constructive policy in regard to China. All were agreed that such a step could not be taken until a direct agreement had been reached between London and the other Governments. Without resorting to such negotiations, the Foreign Office on Christmas Eve issued to the Press its memorandum which it communicated simultaneously to the interested Powers. By this procedure the British Government of its own accord abandoned its own proposal for a collective declaration.

FRENCH TRADITIONS.

In effect, in French opinion, such a statement is not necessary. Our liberal traditions are too well known to the Chinese people to make it doubt that France will not always participate in measures intended to facilitate its evolution. That is so true that our country continues to enjoy in the South, as well as in the North, a special moral prestige. It was the same when there were incidents at Shanghai and Canton, where the interests of France were always respected also.

Until the issue of the conflict, the French Government intends to abstain from all interference in the domestic policy of China. The recognition of the Government of Canton, independent of the regular Government in Peking, would sanction a secession State in China, and would disturb both North and South, as each would strive for the control of the whole of China. The violation of China's unity would have a deep and lasting effect on the whole Chinese nation, as the latter is fundamentally attached to the respect of its political unity.

The French Government considers that it is inopportune to discuss the rights of foreigners, and that it would be wiser to let matters take their course until the time comes when negotiations can usefully be entered into.

PRONUNCIATION OF LATIN.

FAILURE OF NEW SYSTEM.

The Times, in a leading article, says:—It so happens that on the day before the Christmas holiday we reported in one column the rejection by the Headmasters' Conference of a motion admitting the failure of the reformed pronunciation of Latin, while in another we printed the epilogue of the Westminster play. The scene in the room at Brighton College and that in the Westminster dormitory represent two opposing worlds. Eton and Westminster—which, however, uses the new style in class, but the old in public in its prayers and on the stage—are two of the most ancient and famous homes of Latin in England. While the Headmaster of Eton was being denounced at Brighton for his return to the old system, the Headmaster of Westminster was presiding over the ancient Westminster play, whose epilogue would have lost half its fun if the boys had not spoken in the English way. No school has a greater Latin tradition than Shrewsbury, whose headmaster spoke at Brighton against the new system.

The innovators then have failed to conquer Eton and Shrewsbury, and are only privately tolerated by Westminster. Would it not be well now frankly to admit that this is not one of the questions to which the best answer is given by a learned man sitting alone in his study and treating it as a mere problem of scientific fact? May we not hope that our grandchildren will be allowed to pronounce Latin by nature without learning it, and all in one way, as our grandfathers did, and will recover the experience of Lord Melbourne's blessed truth—"It doesn't matter what we say—the only thing that does matter is that we should all say the same thing!"

THE MAYENCE INCIDENT.

FRENCH SOLDIER'S ADMISSIONS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Tuesday.

With regard to the Franco-German incident that took place at Mayence on Christmas Eve, the papers here state that, according to information furnished by the General Staff of the Army of the Rhine, the two military men struck by Germans have admitted that they were in an intoxicated state, and had tried to pick a quarrel with the Germans.

[The first advices from Mayence, received *via* Paris, stated that when some French soldiers were leaving church, where they had been attending the midnight Mass, seven drunken Germans attacked and slightly wounded two of them without provocation.]

TWO AMUSING ROGUES.

A BOGUS PRINCE'S EXPLOITS.

"KING OF SWINDLERS" SENTENCED.

The French police, having captured a dapper little man named René, known throughout the Republic as "The King of Swindlers," are co-operating with the German police in the hunt for a bogus prince, whose exploits surpass those of "Captain Koepenick," at which the world laughed so heartily in pre-war days.

Some of René's exploits were described yesterday at the Correctional Court in Lyons, while our Berlin Correspondent tells how the bogus prince duped the authorities in three German cities.

THE BOGUS PRINCE.

CAPTAIN KOEPENICK SURPASSED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BERLIN, Tuesday.

A pale face and reticent manner, a great thirst and a taste for dancing and the theatres, were the assets with which a coal miner from the Baltic Provinces succeeded in posing as the eldest son of the German ex-Crown Prince, and of perpetrating the most astonishing hoax on the official and social world of Central Germany.

This man has far surpassed the feat of the once famous cobbler, Wagner, known as the "Captain Koepenick" whose exploits set the whole world laughing before the war. Travelling as "Baron Korff," he duped city mayors and high military officials, attended the opera at gala performances hastily arranged in his honour at the State theatres, danced with the local belles at great balls, and made speeches glowing with patriotic fervour at civic banquets. Everywhere he went the bogus prince borrowed money from his hosts and disappeared, leaving his hotel bills unpaid.

The police are now scouring Germany for the hoaxer, who, it has been discovered, has already undergone sentences of imprisonment for swindling exploits. The police of other countries have been asked to keep a look-out for him.

TRIUMPHAL TOUR.

The bogus prince, in his triumphal journey with a big suite through Central Germany, duped the bigwigs of three important towns—Erfurt, Weimar and Gotha. Erfurt was the first scene of the exploits of the "prince," who, with his adjutants and secretaries, turned up at the largest hotel and appropriated the most luxurious rooms. The delighted hotel keepers were told to send the bills for the wine consumed to the former Crown Prince's Castle at Oels. The ex-Crown Prince was represented as having sent his eldest son on a tour with a view to furthering the Monarchist cause.

After exhausting the social possibilities at Erfurt, the "Prince" borrowed a car to motor to Gotha. The whole town, from the Burgomaster downward, lost their heads at the honour bestowed on them by a Hohenzollern visit. A gala performance at the State Theatre was the principal function arranged, the "Prince" being shown into the former Royal box while the orchestra played "Deutschland über Alles," and "Hochs" were raised in the crowded audience.

Following the play the "Prince" drove to a Mayoral banquet, where pro-Hohenzollern speeches were delivered by leading business men. Before leaving Gotha "His Royal Highness" borrowed six pounds to buy, as he explained, a new uniform before moving to Weimar.

RENE'S EXPLOITS.

AMUSING SCENES IN FRENCH COURT.

LYONS, Tuesday.

The Correctional Court to-day passed sentence of ten years' imprisonment and ten years' banishment on the man Rene, known as "The King of Swindlers." Rene, whose trial to-day was a theatrical success, certainly missed his vocation. He would have made a fortune on the music halls, and he kept a full house of spectators in the Palais de Justice in fits of laughter by his drollery.

Smiling, mordant, impassive and laughing by turns, and always perfectly at his ease, he gave an admirable rendering of a gallant highwayman of the nineteenth century.

A short, genial-faced man, neatly dressed in black, he argued good-naturedly with the various witnesses—shop-keepers, hotel-keepers and other sufferers by his dexterity in the gentle art of pilfering. One of the funniest moments in the performance was Rene's unabashed recital of how he kissed a shop-keeper's daughter and took advantage of her emotion to abscond with her pocket-book, containing ten thousand francs.

He modestly protested that he did not deserve the title of "King of Swindlers." He was the victim of a misspent youth, and was more sinned against than sinning. He sincerely regretted his foibles, but "people were really too careless in leaving things about."

Rene's counsel, M. Torres, demanded the acquittal of his client, who "always stole like a gentleman."

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INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

SWARAJIST PROGRAMME ENDORSED.

FROM THE PRESS ASSOCIATION'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

PANDU, GAUHATI, Tuesday.

According to a programme developed by Mr. Iatyamurti at to-day's meeting of the National Congress, the Councils must be captured with a view to subordinating them to Congress, which must extend its organisation by setting up parallel institutions.

The Pandit Motilal Nehru, the Swarajist leader, declared that, unless the Bengal political prisoners and detenus were released, the question of acceptance of office could not be entertained by Congress.

A large majority endorsed the Swarajist programme, defeating both the extremist amendment advocating indiscriminate obstruction, and the moderate proposal of the Pandit Malaviya, the Responsivist leader, urging discriminate opposition.

Mrs. Naidu's resolution condemning the poll tax in East Africa was passed.

MR. PETHICK LAWRENCE IMPRESSED.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence, Labour M.P., who is attending the Congress session, in an interview with the Press Association's Correspondent, congratulated the organisers on their excellent preparations. He said that the smoothness, punctuality and size of the gathering exceeded anything he had witnessed before, except during the Women's Suffrage movement. This was the most exciting and inspiring time in India's history. The people had before them the task of building, stone by stone, the edifice of self-government, and this was the time when the best counsels were needed to see that the building was done aright.

The main lines of progress, he said, were agreed upon. The details and tactics, whether co-operation or opposition should prevail, depended on circumstances which those on the spot knew better than he; but they must recognise the good of the community as a whole. "Play the game" should be the watchword of all races in India.

LONDON-EXETER MOTOR TRIAL.

AN ADVENTUROUS RUN.

Few of the 350 motor cyclists and drivers of cars, amateur and professional, who took part in the London-Exeter reliability trial beginning at 8 p.m. on Boxing Day, failed to time in at the finish at Stains last night. The majority of the light cars put up very sound performances.

Those competitors who went the whole 337 miles journey reported tranquil, but intensely cold, weather.

"Both my generators froze stiff on Salisbury Plain," said one of the motor cyclists. "I have taken part in several of these Exeter runs, but this is the driest I have ever had. We did not have a drop of real rain the whole way, but plenty of mist of a very damp sort."

There were many women who forsook the soft delights of yuletide and huddled themselves in sidecars, built for speed and lightness, rather than for comfort. Last night, from about 6.30 onwards, they hauled themselves out of the vehicles, their eyes full of sleep, and their limbs cramped to the point of positive discomfort. Never to them could a cup of tea have tasted sweeter.

Machines, almost innocent of mud, bore out the reports that the run had been a dry one. But for many the trial had been full of adventure.

There was a man who arrived with a well-grown rabbit swung over his shoulder. "I was doing forty," he explained, "to make up time on the stretch in Dorset when this little fellow got mixed up with my front wheel."

Mr. A. D. C. Stephens skidded badly on White Sheet Hill, near Dorchester, and was unconscious for six minutes. He was helped by a passing motorist.

The test hills of the run were Peak Hill, in Mid. Devon, and Salcombe Hill, towards Plymouth, on the coast. "Ascending Peak Hill was an eerie business," said one competitor. "We went up it at 4 a.m., and had to do it non-stop. Many of us faltered on the way, I am afraid."

On Salcombe Hill, which lies amid twisting Devon lanes, varying speeds had to be maintained according to the power of the engine, and the test robbed many of the highest awards.

The first machine to arrive last night well on time was the little one-and-a-half horse power Francis Barnett.

Medals will be awarded for punctuality in maintaining the schedule set. The trial is nothing in the nature of a competition in speed.

One competitor in the trial fainted from exhaustion just before the finishing point near Staines Bridge.

BODY ON RAILWAY LINE.

YOUNG WOMAN'S SHOCKING DEATH.

After an all-night search by relatives and police of the countryside allotments and pools, the decapitated body of Miss Dorothy Violet Burgess, aged 21, of Avenue House, Leagrave, near Luton, was found lying on the London, Midland and Scottish main passenger line near Leagrave Railway Station. Her hat was 20 yards from the body, from which both arms and head had been separated.

At the inquest yesterday it was stated that she had been in an indifferent condition since the death of her father, and had on several occasions told members of the family that she wished she could die. On Sunday she was frequently looking at herself in a mirror, and said that everything seemed wrong with her, and that there was nothing in life for her. During the evening she disappeared, and although a motor car search was instituted within ten minutes of her being missed, she was not again seen alive.

The Coroner found that she committed suicide while temporarily insane.

COMMUNION PLATE ROBBERIES.

CHRISTMAS DAY THEFT AT SOMERSET CHURCH.

When preparations were being made for Christmas Day Services at St. John's Church, Highbridge, Somerset, it was discovered that the Communion plate, including a silver flagon and silver chalice, bearing the date 1859, had been stolen.

The robbery follows close upon similar depredations in other parts of the country, valuable Church plate having been taken from Abbotsham, near Bideford, Devonshire; St. Stephen's, Launceston, Cornwall; and St. Thomas-a-Beckett's Church, Portsmouth. From the last-named church a flagon presented by King Charles II. is missing.

It is reported that a stationary motor car was seen under the church wall at Highbridge shortly before the theft was discovered.

A DEADLY CHRISTMAS DINNER.

A Christmas dinner which caused death was reported at a Matlock inquest yesterday concerning Herbert Marshall Gaunt, aged 50, who was declared by a doctor to have died from "too much Christmas dinner" and the drink that he had had. The Coroner returned a verdict on the medical testimony.

ROSSE COLLEGE, STEPHEN'S GREEN.
The College will be closed from Friday, Dec. 24, to Wednesday, Dec. 29, inclusive. Day Classes resume Thursday, Dec. 30; Night Classes resume Monday, Jan 3.—(Advt.)

FATAL MOTOR CAR ACCIDENTS.

SEVERAL DEATHS.

Two young men, Winstone Bevan and Fred Powell, of St. Bride's, Glamorgan, were killed as the result of a motor car in which they were travelling overturning near Bridgend on Monday night.

They were pinned under the vehicle. Other young men in the car were injured. The driver escaped unhurt, and assisted in lifting the men from the vehicle.

It is stated that just before the accident there was a loud report as if a tyre had burst. The car was wrecked.

SWERVING CAR.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DEAD.

Early yesterday morning, on the Bath road at Reading, a husband and wife were killed in a motor accident.

A hired car suddenly swerved, struck a tree, and overturned. Two of the passengers, Mr. Harry Rogers, aged 62, of Daisy Cottage, Sandhurst, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Rogers, were fatally injured.

The driver of the car sustained a broken collar-bone, and Ada Wilmott, another passenger, suffered a severe injury to the thigh. They were both taken to the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were returning from a Christmas party in the West End of Reading, and were being driven to the other end of the town.

There was a slight fog at the time.

TWO YOUTHS KILLED

WHILE CROSSING THE STREET.

Knocked down by a motor car when crossing Liverpool street, Salford, two local youths, Mark Olive, aged 19, and George Metcalfe, 20, have died from their injuries.

ABANDONED CAR.

MYSTERY CLEARED UP

Mystery attaches to the discovery early yesterday morning of a badly damaged and abandoned motor car, lying partly on a road and partly in a field near a dangerous bend, known as "The Devil's Elbow," close to the famous Fox House Inn, Derbyshire.

The police, Automobile Association officials, and farmers living in the district cannot account for the appearance of the car, and so far no person has turned up to claim it.

Inquiry at hospitals in the vicinity failed to disclose that anybody had been treated for injuries arising out of a motor accident.

The car, a Morris Cowley, bears Sheffield numbers, but owing to the holidays it has not yet been possible to trace the owner.

A message from Sheffield last night clears up the mystery.

day night Mr. Frank Poole, a local dentist, accompanied by his wife's mother and two other members of the family, left Sheffield upon a motor trip to Hathersage. There was heavy frost, and the road surface was treacherous. Upon approaching the Devil's Elbow, where the road lies at a height of a thousand feet, the car suddenly swerved, shot through a wall, and overturned.

All its passengers were pitched out. Mr. Poole was thrown into a field, and one of the women fell upon top of him. The party, however, though badly shaken and bruised, escaped serious injury, and were brought to Sheffield by passing motorists. The car was left on the roadside, half of it protruding from the broken wall.

ACCIDENTS IN DERRY.

Edward O'Bryan (4½), of 5 Nailor's row, Londonderry, while crossing Bishop street, was knocked down by a motor car, his leg being fractured.

Margaret O'Donnell (15), Ballooghry, Derry, while cycling near her home, collided with a motor car, receiving bruises on the back of the head.

FUNCHAL CYCLONE.

YACHT AND SEVEN LIVES LOST.

A graphic story is just to hand, Reuter's Agency says, of the loss of the Physalia, in the Madeira cyclone, with her owner, Senhor Humberto Passos de Freitas; his English guest, Mrs. Angela George, and all but one member of the crew of six.

When the storm broke Senhor de Freitas made for shelter north of the island, but he found it impossible to reach a place of safety owing to the great number of small boats in the vicinity. The storm grew more intense as the day wore on, and when night fell the occupants of the boat gave up hope.

CEASELESS BELL-RINGING.

Signals for assistance were sounded, the bell on board being sounded continuously for half-an-hour, but the roar of the gale was so tremendous that no one heard them. Soon the sea began to drive the yacht towards the shore. All was thick darkness. The crew were assembled in the captain's cabin listening to the ceaseless tolling of the bell and the roar of the gale.

At length, Senhor de Freitas, turning to his men, said: "Lads, it is not worth while ringing any longer. We are lost," and the yacht struck the rocks. The impact was very violent, and Mrs. George, who had almost lost consciousness, and was being supported by the sailors, was washed off by a great wave that swept the deck, breaking the masts.

ANOTHER LIFE LOST.

Senhor de Freitas at once sprang into the sea in an attempt to rescue her, but, unfortunately, his act of courage only resulted in the sea claiming another victim.

Senhor de Freitas was engaged in organising a Portuguese scientific expedition to be undertaken in his yacht for the purpose of studying natural history in the tropical seas, as well as meteorology, light waves, etc. He had been assisted by the Geographical Societies of London and Lisbon, and the Brazilian Geographical Society to build the Physalia.

GENERAL BOOTH'S RETURN

HIS FAITH IN FUTURE OF JAPAN.

General Booth made a novel entrance into the Albert Hall, London, last night, when ten thousand people welcomed him on his return from his world tour and Far Eastern campaign.

The building was darkened, and a searchlight revealed General Booth sitting in a rickshaw, in the midst of a procession of children clad in Japanese costume and carrying paper lanterns and cherry blossom wands.

General Booth spoke of a great salvationist awakening in Eastern countries, and said that Japan was destined to play a great part in the future of the world. He was not a politician, but, so far as he saw things, he would say: "Let us cultivate friendship with Japan; for it is worth more to our nation than any amount of armaments." He could conceive of no greater blessing to the world than the drawing together of Eastern nations and Western lands.

Mr. W. H. Eyre, aged 78, a solicitor, of Golden square, was one of the winning crew in the final of the sights at Richmond Regatta.

DESCENDANT OF CROMWELL

LEAVES £24,000 FOR CHARITIES.

Mr. Henry Warner Prescott, of Brantyngeshay, Chilworth, Surrey, retired banker, lately a partner in the old banking house of Messrs. Prescotts, Dimsdale, Cave and Co., Ltd., and formerly Chairman of Prescott's bank, Ltd. (now amalgamated with the Union Bank, Ltd.), who died on November 10th last, aged 89 years, a descendant of Oliver Cromwell, left unsettled property of the gross value of £120,130 5s. 3d., with net personalty £114,000 3s. 10d. Probate of his will, dated April 6th, 1923, with two codicils, has been granted to his nephew, Mr. Ernest Prescott, solicitor, of 4 Serjeant's Inn, London, E.C., and Mr. William Graham Thompson, of Broome Hill, Cobham, Surrey.

The testator left £300 and his house and land, in the occupation of the curate of Wonersh, to his trustees, with the request (but without creating any trust in the matter) that they will allow the house to be occupied by such curate, and apply the income from the said sum of £300 for providing the rates and taxes thereon, and the maintenance and upkeep thereof; £500 for the trustees of the Village Hall, Blackheath, near Guildford, for general purposes and upkeep; £1,000 to Levi Mercer, if still in his service and not under notice, either given or received; £500 similarly to Mary Elizabeth Hewett; £500 similarly to Kezia Young; £10,000 and premises Clouleigh, Bournemouth, upon trust for his brother, Edgar Grote Prescott, and his wife and issue; £10,000 upon trust for the children of his late brother, George Frederick Prescott; £10,000 upon trust for the children of his late sister, Emma Elizabeth Gardner; £2,000 to each of his nieces, Mary Boothby and Mildred Prescott; £500 each to William Graham Thompson and Frederick Hammond Elsley; £200 each to his nieces, Charlotte Cromwell Prescott and Oliviera Cromwell Thompson, and his nephew, Ernest Prescott; an annuity of £52 to Frances Simpson; an annuity of £52 jointly to Miss Mary Chetwynd and her sister; his residence and household and personal effects upon trust for his sister, Lucy Esther Prescott, for life, with remainder to his nephew, Ernest Prescott; and the residue of his property upon trust for his sister, Lucy Esther Prescott, for life.

On the decease of his said sister, he left £5,000 to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; £4,000 to the Additional Curates' Society; £2,500 to the East London Hospital for Children and Dispensary for Women; £2,000 to the London Homeopathic Hospital; £2,000 to the London Diocesan Deaconesses' Institution; £1,500 to the Western General Dispensary; £1,000 to the Clergy Ladies' Home; £1,000 to the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford; £1,000 to the Surrey Convalescent Home for Men, Seaford; £1,000 to the Children's Convalescent Home for Surrey; £1,000 to the Victoria Convalescent Home for Surrey Women, Bognor; and the ultimate residue as to one-third upon trust for his brother Edgar and his issue, one-third upon trust for the children of his late sister, Mrs. Gardner, and one-third upon trust for the children of his late brother George.

SAVED BY A DREAM.

MANAGER'S ESCAPE IN CINEMA FIRE.

The interior of the Public Hall Cinema at Tonbridge, Kent, was gutted by fire early yesterday morning.

Mr. Arthur Dearden, lessee and manager, who lived on the premises, was rescued in his night clothes. He told a remarkable story to the Press Association's Tonbridge Correspondent.

Describing how, after the audience had left the entertainment on Boxing Night, he went to rest rather earlier than usual, he said that he experienced a remarkable and vivid dream.

In his dream he fancied that he was in the vicinity of Margate, where aeroplanes were bombing the town. On awakening he was so disturbed that he determined to get out of bed and then was suffocated by the smoke, which appeared to be issuing from the cinema into his private apartments. On opening the door leading down into the hall he was driven back by dense volumes of smoke and fierce heat.

Recovering from his stupor, he realised that the place was on fire and ran back to his room, where a canary that he had had for sixteen years and a cat, both pets of his late wife, were near the bed. He managed with difficulty to secure them, and in the darkness and smoke found his way to the door of the stairs again, where he found the exits cut off.

Nearly suffocated, he ran up the window above the entrance of the hall and shouted down to the firemen who were working below. An escape was brought, and, with the bird in one hand and the cat in the other, he managed to reach the pavement in safety.

PRINCE CHICHIBU.

LANDS WITH MR. BRUCE IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

The Majestic arrived here this morning with Prince Chichibu of Japan and Mr. Bruce, the Prime Minister of Australia, on board. The vessel was obliged to anchor outside the Narrows owing to dense fog and rain, but the Prince and Mr. Bruce were landed by a tug. They will spend a few days in New York, and will meet President Coolidge.

Prince Chichibu left England last week for Japan owing to the illness of his father, the Emperor, since deceased. Mr. Bruce is travelling back to Australia via Canada. He will be the guest of the Government while in Toronto, and will receive an honorary degree from the University of Toronto.—(Reuter.)

PATERNITY SUMMONS.

THE ADJOURNED HEARING.

Edward O'Toole, formerly of Dudley House School, Lee, London, S.E., was summoned yesterday, at Westminster Police Court, by Mabel Edith Howard, of Denbigh road, Pimlico., who sought an order for the maintenance of a child, of which she said that O'Toole was the father.

At the outset, O'Toole said that he wished to apply for an adjournment, as he had only just been set at liberty within the last week, and his solicitors were not prepared to go on with the case at the moment. In addition, he had several witnesses to call. Some were residing in Ireland, two were in America, and some were in London, and he had to find them.

Mr. Boyd (the magistrate)—I am not going to adjourn a case indefinitely on the off-chance that you may find witnesses.

O'Toole—It is no off-chance.

Mr. Boyd—I will adjourn the case as you tell me you have just been discharged from prison, and you have had no time to prepare your defence to this summons. I shall adjourn it for twenty-one days, and you may then make what application you think necessary.

O'Toole—My case, I am afraid, will take many days.

Mr. Boyd replied that he hoped it would not. Addressing the complainant, he added that she would be referred to the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, which dealt with these cases.

"THE AFTER-DINNER ART."

First place in the New Year issue of *John o' London's Weekly* is given to an interesting article in which Sir James C. Percy discusses the art of after-dinner speaking. Sir James writes with the fulness of knowledge; for he has had a long and varied experience of after-dinner speaking and of after-dinner speakers. He illustrates his points with many happy anecdotes, and with examples—humorous and witty—of that oratory which springs from, and is, at its best, the most enjoyable accompaniment of the feast. He epitomises the whole art in Russell Lowell's "ingredients of after-dinner oratory." "They are the joke, the quotation, and the platitude; but the successful platitude, in my judgment," said Lowell, "requires a very high order of genius." Sir James has dealt with, and illuminated, all.

SHORTHAND TYPISTS AND TYPISTS.
Open Competition, 8th February, 1927.
Last Exam., July, 1925—32 Successes.
BEST RESULT.—SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Oral and Correspondence Classes.—(Advt.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

FARMERS AND THE BANKING COMMISSION.

LETTER FROM DEPUTY WILSON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The report of the Banking Commission in respect to its recommendations for agricultural credit is one of great importance, and the farmers generally are obliged to you for the full measure of publicity it received. The *personnel* of the Commission, in which the technical knowledge of banking was so fully represented, ensures that due respect will be given to the plan envisaged, and ought to merit very full consideration from the Government.

Speaking generally, it will be apparent that the business turned over by the joint stock banks to the Credit Corporation will be mostly those "frozen" accounts of semi-insolvent farmers which are now being nursed for want of a better way out; and it is in those cases where credit is particularly essential that difficulty in the management of the Credit Corporation is sure to appear. It would be well that the remark of the Commission, that "the new institution could not be obviously undertake to assume responsibility for losses possibly resulting from unwise loans heretofore made," should be borne in mind; and in this connection the banks ought to subscribe a considerable portion of the new capital required, so as to participate in the risks of such business.

I am very much struck with the suggestion that all co-operative organisations should be required to deposit the major portion of their funds with the Corporation. "The effect of this system would be to place the savings of those concerns which are in funds at the service of those which need to borrow"—a great asset in itself if it can be accomplished. The question, however, arises: Will the strong societies willy-nilly transfer their accounts to the Corporation? I hope so.

The amount of capital urgently needed for agriculture is a difficult question, but I look on the method of assessment outlined by the report more or less in the nature of a joke. The joint stock banks know perfectly well the amount of unrealisable loans on their books, and if to this amount the necessities of the smaller men, who have very little banking facilities, be added, the Commission had something tangible to guide them. The amount needed, however arrived at, can only be a matter of speculation, and the needs of the industry will soon manifest themselves once the Corporation gets going. The plan suggested of issuing bonds for further capital seems to be an excellent one to meet the case.

It is regrettable that it should be necessary to advert to "moral risk" in agriculture. I recognise that it was quite within the province of the Commission to point out reasons for restriction of credit, but it is well known that most people, and well farmers, are punctual in meeting their engagements when business is paying its way, and hold as much as they can as soon as the business fails. The moral fibre of the individual is all right in smooth waters, but often fails in times of stress. The members of the Commission know this perfectly well and, if they add to this general rottenness in humanity the tradition of the Land War and the history of our recent past, it is not wonderful that there are cases of abortive sales in our country. I think the losses on this account are not heavy, judging by the high dividends paid by the banks, and the matter is put forward as an excuse for the restriction of credit, the real reason being that as "money dealers" the banks can obtain more remunerative business on the London money market. I do not agree that the State—that is, the taxpayer—loses by "defaulting annuitants"; the loss, if any, falls temporarily on the ratepayer, who is only a section of the State, and principally the farmer class.

It must not be assumed by my observations that I am adversely criticising the report. On the contrary, I recognise the technical skill displayed, and am grateful that men possessed of this peculiar knowledge have given of their time and skill for the benefit of the industry. But when the Commissioners venture into generalities they are lost. Here is a sample—"The Commission desire to place on record that in no country in the world is better provision made by the Government in the matter of direct and indirect assistance to agriculture." You then lead off by quoting the figures for land purchase, "involving an outlay of £30,000,000 in addition to the substantial liability, aggregating to £80,000,000, already incurred." The ordinary taxpayer, reading that statement, will not understand that this is merely a question of lending State credit for the purpose of buying out landlords, and, except the expense of the Land Commission and the printers' press, the process costs him nothing.

Then follows a list of payments made by the State, aggregating to the sum of £2,932,208 in the past year. I expected more from Senator Jameson than to put the Forestry Vote (£37,457) against agriculture; but I cannot understand how a highly placed Treasury officer like Mr. McElligott, in a considered report, subscribed to such a fallacy. The Forestry grant is used for State forests, which are, of course, State property. The items for Credit Societies (£75,000), Local Loans (£182,000), and possibly Drainage (£93,000) are merely State advances, repayable with interest, and cost the taxpayer nothing. As the State in some cases makes a contribution not repayable in drainage, I permit the £93,000 to stand, and deduct the three items aggregating to £224,457 from the total, leaving £2,637,751 as the payment by the State to the industry. This includes £693,600 for the Land Commission, which is the State tribute to the dead-heads, who, following conquest and confiscation, were in possession of the land of the country, and had to be got rid of; but even allowing for this item let us examine the statement placed on "record."

In Great Britain, by an Act of 1897, the State pays yearly 50 *per cent.* of the rates on agricultural land. Latterly that State pays 75 *per cent.* of the rates on agricultural land. Suppose that the Act of 1897 applied to Ireland; the State payment in relief of rates during the past few years here would be at 50 *per cent.* about £2,500,000, and, if calculated at 75 *per cent.*, would exceed present payment by over 1 million—I have assessed the Local Rates at 5 millions: this is a calculation necessary in the absence of a reference library. The reasons for this payment in relief of rates are cogent, and need not be entered into here; but so much for the "opinion of the Commission which they desire to place on record."

As the farmers in Great Britain are in direct opposition to our farmers, in beef, mutton, bacon, butter, cream milk, poultry, eggs, etc., any preferential treatment to them by their Government operates adversely against us, especially as we are handicapped by transit charges to their markets.

I hope that the farmers generally who can spare a few pounds will subscribe for the capital of the Agricultural Credit Corporation, with a State "guarantee of capital and a moderate rate of interest thereon"; there is a security wanting in other ventures. The possession by the citizen of a partnership in the State enterprise will tend to greater stability, and the funds subscribed will be of insufferable advantage to many a hard-working, honest citizen, whose efforts are at present partially nullified by the lack of sufficient capital.—Yours, etc.,

R. WILSON, Deputy for Wicklow.
Ballyknocken House, Rathdrum,
December 28th, 1926.

INDUSTRY VERSUS AGRICULTURE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Your correspondents in your issue of December 22nd seem to think that the establishment of unspecified industries will check emigration. It would be interesting to know whether our Irish emigrants really do prefer industries abroad in large numbers. I have no statistics by me, but I believe that the girls mainly find employment in domestic service and in shops, the men on farms or as labourers. The Free State, as a matter of fact, may have had some pre-eminence in some of the crafts from which modern industry has developed, but, unfortunately, this is no criterion of ability to excel in modern scientific industry or of aptitude for work under factory conditions.

All your correspondents seem to imply that the attainment of a large population, gathered into industrial communities, is a desirable ambition, but this is really open to some doubt. Has the 47 per cent. increase in the population of Dublin between 1841 and 1926 been a benefit? Does factory life improve health or morals? Is it a disadvantage to a nation that a proportion of its youth should sally forth to occupy new lands and to gain experience in a wider world? Virile nations have always been emigrant nations, and the virility of the Irish race is very great.

It is far better to have a smaller population and a higher standard of living, even though the whole population became grass-ranchers; but why should this be necessary? In spite of lack of education in modern methods, in spite of indifferent handling and packing and marketing, Irish agricultural products found a large market among the huge English industrial community which lies at our door. With modern methods and our advantageous geographical position, we ought to be able to sell unlimited quantities of eggs, poultry, butter and bacon. The agricultural industry of the Free State is an industry in being; it has been practised by the people of this country for hundreds of years. Why should we not devote our money and energy to stimulating this existing industry, which in one way and another, employs probably three-quarters of our population, rather than seek to establish artificially fostered factories which can only be economically efficient if of such size that they must enter into world competition?

I venture to suggest that, if Ireland is to be regenerated by tariffs, these tariffs should be in the interest of the farming class and all those connected with them. Let us have duties that will keep out the two and a half millions' worth of foreign bacon, the two millions' worth of foreign butter and horses, the six and a half millions' worth of grain imported in 1925. Let our people also stop eating unwholesome white baker's bread and revert to the wholesome oatmeal porridge which can be made from a staple Irish crop. If our predominant agricultural population have any sense, they will show by their votes at the next election that they are not going to be sacrificed for the sake of a minority of town-dwellers who wish by their tariffs on manufactured goods to put up the price of everything the farmer buys and to put down the price of everything he sells. "Buy Irish farm produce" is a slogan which ought to take a long precedence of "Buy Irish goods" in Ireland; it should be a slogan in England, too.

If the Government and the Royal Dublin Society would only put their heads together and conduct an intensive campaign of agricultural education, if duties were put on imported agricultural products and on articles which can definitely be manufactured from raw material of Irish origin (of which ample supplies exist), there would be more prospect of immediate and lasting prosperity for this country than is offered by the artificial establishment of unspecified industries on a half-inch scale, with the object of turning Dublin into a poor imitation of Manchester or Birmingham. Let us, then, adopt the Fascist creed thus adapted: "It is essential to the political strength of Ireland and to her social equilibrium that a dense population should be able to maintain itself within the borders of the country, and the greater number should be peasants, healthy, sober and thrifty."—Yours, etc.,

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER.
Co. Dublin, December 28th, 1926.

ANOTHER FARMERS' PARTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In your issue of the 23rd inst. you commented on the creation of another farmers' organisaton in Leix on the previous day. It may interest your readers to learn that the Tariff Commission have largely responsible for this move, because its regulations debar individuals in an industry from making application for the imposition of tariffs. The policy of the Irish Farmers' Union is free trade, while the policy of the new organisation will be protectionist—hence the title, "Irish Farmers' Protectionist Union." Unless this organisation were created no application for tariffs on agricultural prodtce could be considered.

In criticising the two organisations you write: "Neither proposes to increase or cheapen production." You will confess this pronouncement was premature when you hear that the Irish Farmers' Protectionist Union will aim at increasing the tillage area, through purely and solely voluntary efforts, by one million acres. Since last year over 22,000 acres have gone to grass, and within the last four or five years over one million acres of tillage land have been put under grass to compel production with the grass and dairying lands of the remainder of the Free State and so lower the value of the whole. As tillage has declined for the last four or five years, so has agricultural output. If grass, considered nationally, is the better and more economic producer under present conditions, why has output not increased, particularly when the grass area has been extended by over one million acres in the Free State? This question will afford much food for thought among your readers.

Tariffs on such farm produce as comes from countries which buy practically nothing from us, and which the farmers of the Free State can produce, will be a first plank. Without legislation to compel farmers to till more land a million more ploughed acres will follow quickly the imposition of tariffs on foreign barley, oats, flour, malt, bacon, etc. There will then come increased production of wheat, flour, barley, malt, oats, oat products, pigs, bacon, butter, sheep, wool, etc., from farmers who will be allowed to use their own discretion and to turn their land to the production of that which experience has shown them can be produced with the least expenditure—comparatively, of course—and the greatest profit. In a word, we agree with President Cosgrave when he said in another column in the same issue of your paper: "There is really no excuse for exporting wealth to purchase goods that can be equally well produced at home."

I may add that it is no crime to attempt to offer to Irish farmers £16,000,000 *per annum* which this nation pays to the farmers of other nations for "goods which can be equally well produced at home."

Contrary to what you state, the real demand for tariffs comes from the small-holder, whose sons and daughters work fifteen hours *per* day, and who cannot be kept on the land because the only reward for such labours is drudgery and sludgery year in and year out. There are the people who cannot be enticed into the Farmers' Union—"a fitting comment," to use your own expression, "on its unhelpful attitude." Before you condemn the new organisation further you should try to visualise the effects of tillage on implement factories and their distributing agencies, on manure factories, on railway and canal traffic, on unemployment, on emigration, on trade and business generally in all distributing centres, and last, though not least, on our adverse trade balance. This country imports farm produce of a value equal to about 27 *per cent.* of its total imports, or 40 *per cent.* of its total exports. If we deduct imports of farm produce from our exports of the same, we get a net export of about £1 *per* arable acre. Fifty-six *per cent.* of the arable land of Denmark is under the plough, and we try to compete with her while having 11 *per cent.* of tillage in an arable area of 16,000,000 odd acres.—Yours, etc.,

J. T. BERGIN.
Maybrook, Athy, December 27th, 1926.

THE LABOURER'S FOOD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—A great deal has been said during the past months on the matter of education. I think that everyone will agree that the primary object of education is to get the pupil to earn a decent living after school years. Ireland is primarily an agricultural country. 75 *per cent.* of the wealth is derived there from 25 *per cent.* of the people, who exist solely on the land. 95 *per cent.* of these people are educated at national schools in country districts; 90 *per cent.*, educated at such schools, after school years work on the land. Does it not seem essential that those children should be taught how to improve the land and use its produce? What are they taught of these matters?

The great Napoleon said that "an army marched on its stomach." It may be said with equal truth of an agricultural country that a people improves or progresses on its stomach. The staple food of the Irish people (I speak of the agricultural labouring class) is bread and tea, both imported articles. The natural resources of their surroundings are entirely neglected, not wilfully, but because they are ignorant of them. I think that we could, at very small expense, improve the physical, if not the mental, qualities of our people by teaching them the use of vegetables and home-produced foods. It is necessary first to teach the children in the schools how to prepare and cook them, and to accustom them to varied diet; and then how to grow the necessary items. It may be said that the home is the place for that, but this generation must learn in school; the next will learn at home.

The wage of the agricultural worker is the smallest of any wage-earner's in this country—too small to supply other than the necessaries of life. How much better would his lot be if he knew how to grow, cook and use what he could produce in his cottage garden, and if his fellow-worker in the town would buy his surplus?—Yours, etc.,

"IRISHMAN."
Co. Waterford, December 27th, 1926.

THE TAX ON FORD CARS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Last May the tax on Ford cars made in Cork was reduced from £18 to £10 *per annum*, but owners of such cars before that

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DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

Dublin in Luck.—For more than a week Dublin has enjoyed seasonable weather, without snow, frost, or storm, and with no rain worth mentioning. Yesterday the conditions were quite genial in the city and suburbs. With the wind from the south-west, the sky was overcast generally, but at times the sun shone out quite pleasantly.

Metropole Dances.—Under the auspices of the Belvedere College Union, a Cinderella dance will be held in the Metropole Ballroom to-night, starting at 8 o'clock, at which the chief attractions will be the Gwen Rogers Romany Players (ladies' band) and Mr. Max well Stewart and Miss Pat Sykes, exhibition dancers.

Mr. Thomas R. Potter, F.T.C.S., headmaster, Crosthwaite College, Kingstown, has received a letter from the King thanking him for Christmas greetings from himself, staff and students.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.—

ARRIVALS.—T. Rice, J. Martin, T. B. Daly, J. Lyons, W. R. Doran, T. Cunningham, J. Carbury, H. Wilton, M. J. Wilson, J. Whitaker, E. North, J. Hunt, T. Dunlop, T. Hughes, T. Prendergast.

DEPARTURES.—Sir Henry and Lady Crofton, Judge O'Byrne, W. Murphy, V. P. Doyle, G. M. Gray, C. Baker, T. Goodman, C. K. Mill, Mrs. F. Gibson, J. Walsh, G. Lees, the Rev. A. Tierney, F. Leech, T. Fennell, R. Palmer, A. Preston.

LEINSTER.

Cycling Mishap.—A farmer named William Somers, Kilanerin, Gorey, was cycling down Ballynastragh Hill, when the handlebars snapped and he was thrown heavily to the ground, sustaining rather serious injuries.

Price of Fat Pigs.—At Callan pig market yesterday 82s. per cwt. was the top price paid for fat pigs. There was a large supply on offer.

Still Without Sanction.—The Department, having not yet given its sanction to the appointment of an Irish teacher who was selected for Camolin (Co. Wexford) district three months ago by the County Committee, the Gorey Cumann Ceanntair has referred the matter to the Dublin headquarters of the Gaelic League to take the question up with the Department.

Christmas in Hospital.—The interior of the Royal Hospital, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, was gaily decorated for Christmas, and everything possible was done by the Lady Superintendent and her staff to make the patients comfortable and happy. A dinner was provided, and was follow. by a dance which lasted throughout the evening, and proved very enjoyable

MUNSTER.

Farmer's Escape.—To avoid a runaway horse, a farmer named Meara jumped from his car coming into Nenagh on Monday. The road was slippery and he fell, breaking his leg and collarbone, and narrowly escaped being run over by the horse. He was taken to Nenagh Hospital.

Kilrush Rate "Cut."—At a meeting of the Kilrush Urban Council last Monday a rate of 17s. 6d. was struck for the ensuing twelve months. This shows a considerable reduction on last year's rate.

Nenagh Pig Market.—Nenagh pig market on Monday was poorly supplied. The price obtained was 63s. per cwt. (live weight).

NORTHERN IRELAND.

Foyle College Boys' Play.—As a result of the two plays given recently by the boys of Foyle College, Londonderry, £25 5s. 4d. was raised on behalf of St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded Soldiers.

Parcels for Ex-Service Men.—At the weekly meeting of the Belfast Guardians yesterday, Mr. J. Beattie, M.P., asked was there any reason tendered why ex-Service men who were inmates of the house were this year non-recipients of parcels from the Lady Mayoress's Fund. In previous years such men or their dependants had received parcels. The Chairman said that the Guardians had no claim on the fund and could not ask for any special consideration, whereat Mr. Beattie said that, while he did not blame anyone, he thought that attention might be brought to the matter to avert repetition.

Savings Certificate Sales.—During the week ended the 18th inst., 9,232 Ulster Savings Certificates were sold. The total number of certificates sold since the 1st April, 1922, is 3,971,860, representing a total cash investment of £2,482,413, or an average saving of £1 19s. 6d. per head of the population. The total number of registered holders is 26,584, of whom 2,139 have each purchased the maximum number of certificates which any one person may hold, viz.—500

Teachers' Rating Appeals.—The Viscount Charlemont, Minister of Education for Northern Ireland, has decided to set up a small committee to advise him in regard to appeals lodged by teachers of public elementary schools against the efficiency rating assigned to them by the Ministry. The committee will be known as the Teachers' Rating Appeal Committee, and will consist of the Senior Chief Inspector of the Ministry, an ex-teacher, and a teacher in active service.

Clay Bird Shooting.—A clay bird shooting competition was held at The Grange, Muckamore, on Monday, in aid of the First Muckamore Boy Scouts, which is under the direction of Mr. Norman Giffen. There was an unusually large number of competitors, and a most enjoyable day was spent. The outstanding feature of this particular competition was the number of entries from the Belfast Clay Bird Gun Club.

Christmas Day in Workhouse.—On Christmas Day there were 2,883 inmates of the Belfast Workhouse, as compared with 2,535 twelve months previously. On the 18th December the inmates numbered 2,850. Infirmary patients on Christmas Day totalled 1,454, being a decrease on last year of eight.

Drunk Taxi-Driver.—In the Belfast Summons Court yesterday, Shaw Patterson, Newtownbreda Village, was fined £5 and had his licence suspended for twelve months, for being drunk in charge of a taxi-cab.

A "Matter of Religion."—"It's all a matter of religion," said a husband, in a maintenance case, at the Belfast Summons Court yesterday, to which Mr. S. C. Clarke, R.M., retorted: "I think it is want of religion with most of you."

Poteen Raid at 2.30 a.m.—While patrolling the mountains at Rosslea, Co. Fermanagh, at 2.30 a.m. on Christmas Day, four members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary noticed a light in a house, and entered to make a search for poteen. There were a number of persons, including girls, in the house, and on one person, it is alleged, the police found a bottle containing about two glasses of poteen. In a byre at the rear of the house a jar containing between two and three gallons of poteen was also found. Two men were taken into custody.

Workhouse Master's Salary.—The Enniskillen Guardians, after a number of heated debates, granted the Master of Enniskillen Workhouse an increase of £20 in his salary. Now the Ministry of Home Aff

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CHICAGO, Tuesday.

ANIMAL-BREEDING RESEARCH.

THE EDINBURGH SCHEME.

GRAPPLING WITH STOCK-OWNERS' PROBLEMS.

It is a remarkable fact that this country has attained an envied pre-eminence in animal breeding and animal husbandry entirely as the result of private initiative and endeavour, writes the Agricultural Correspondent of *The Times*. About 70 different breeds of farm live-stock, each possessing distinctive characteristics and serving in an especial degree particular uses, territorial or commercial, have been evolved, fixed and established in Great Britain and Ireland without Government or organised public aid in any form, and exist to-day to testify to the genius of Bakewell, Ellman and others, possessed of exceptional foresight and enterprise. The country, therefore, is richly endowed beyond others in varieties of live-stock of national and international value, for our breeds have found their way into every part of the world in which animal husbandry has been formulated on modern principles, and conducted with modern skill and understanding.

Our great national inheritance, it is believed, might be enhanced in importance and industrial service if the application of the deeper and wider scientific knowledge of the present age were to be linked with the labours of those stock-owners who carry on with undiminished competence the pioneer work of their gifted predecessors. It was with the object of extending, consolidating and, if possible, simplifying the business of animal propagation that the Animal Breeding Research Department at Edinburgh was instituted, and it is now proposed to establish and endow a Chair in the University for the centralisation and direction of the researches and studies. The sum that remains to be raised to enable the scheme to be carried through should be forthcoming without delay if the importance of the work it is intended to prosecute be adequately appreciated.

THE EDINBURGH SCHEME.

It is inconceivable that animal breeding can ever be so reformed that it can be incapable of rewarding those engaged in it in proportion to the skill and judgment with which it is conducted, but, even for the most competent, there are still, and always have been, problems connected with the pursuit that occasion severe disappointments and heavy losses, apart altogether from the troubles that are traceable to disease. The veterinary profession, if only it were adequately financed and equipped for the purpose, has a wide field for investigation, as yet insufficiently studied and elucidated; but the work in operation and prospected in Edinburgh grapples with the problems of stock-owners from a new standpoint, and aims at seeking success along new avenues.

The scheme has much more than the merit of novelty and originality to commend it. It appeals to all interested directly or indirectly in the maintenance and improvement of existing breeds of live-stock, and, possibly, in the creation of new types. Dr. Crew and his colleagues have set themselves a task that requires courage and exceptional perception, and, although it is hardly feasible that definite results can be attained quickly or easily, stock-owners will be gratified, and the efforts of the research station justified, if any appreciable progress be made in a decade in solving some of the difficulties and in removing a fraction of the uncertainties that are encountered in the business of animal breeding.

PRAISEWORTHY ENTERPRISE.

It is satisfactory that work of this original type should have been begun, and is to be centralised, in this country. One station for researches that have no national or geographical limitations is sufficient, and, if properly staffed and equipped for the work, is preferable to a system of wider distribution that would lead to overlapping as its chief result. The wiser course is that of concentration at one institution, and to make that station competent in men, material and appliances for the world work it has been selected to undertake. There is in Edinburgh already a substantial nucleus of the broad and ambitious scheme the promoters have in their mind. There is a foundation well laid, and the International Education Board, the Development Commissioners, Lord Woolavington and others have recognised that many years of unnecessary labour and much fruitless expenditure may be saved by building the larger, wider and deeper scheme on the work that has already, under serious difficulties and drawbacks, been accomplished at Edinburgh.

Farmers of all classes will welcome this bold and praiseworthy enterprise, and may be trusted to co-operate in every way possible to ensure the successful development of the work. Owners of pedigree strains have particular cause to interest themselves in the researches, because of the losses they suffer in respect of many of their most valued tribes or families through uncertain adherence to type and standard of merit. But the less distinguished unregistered classes of animals also are subject to lapses from consistency in breeding results that puzzle and disappoint their owners. The idea behind the Edinburgh scheme is to penetrate beyond the farthest bounds yet reached in placing power to control animal reproduction in the care of enlightened breeders. It is an ambitious project, but it is time it was faced, and British stockowners have sound cause for gratification in the fact that so adventurous and important a scheme should, with international sanction, be located in this country.

BRITISH ART SALES.

HEAVY PURCHASES BY AMERICANS.

In the year 1926 works of art, mostly paintings, have been bought in Great Britain by or for American collectors to the value of not less than £3,000,000, says the *Manchester Guardian*, and the final figures may show it to be a little more than that amount. Even up to September this year they amounted to 8,038,601 dollars, or £1,607,720. But there has been a big rush in the last three months. Reckoned by price the purchases in the last quarter have almost equalled the purchases in the first three quarters of the year.

The figure last year was 14,774,884 dollars, or £2,954,977. That is roughly £6,000,000 for the last two years. Since the Armistice up to the present date the Americans have bought objects of art in Great Britain to a total value of between 110,000,000 and 115,000,000 dollars, that is, from £22,000,000 to £23,000,000, an average of not much under £3,000,000 a year. These figures cover what are popularly understood as works of art, such as paintings and statuary, but principally paintings, and do not include precious books or manuscripts.

IN DEFENCE OF CATS.

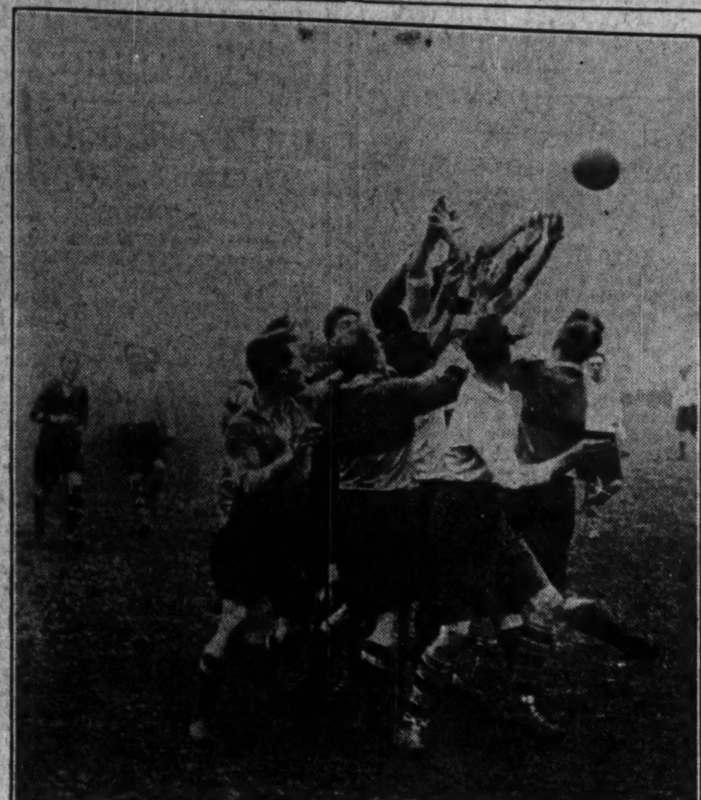
LORD JUSTICE MOORE'S COMPLAINT.

The Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland (Sir William Moore) declared in court recently that cats were a nuisance. The *Daily Telegraph*, in an amusing article, makes the following comments:—

His lordship's domestic peace would seem, we cannot tell how, to be troubled by cats, but it would be contempt of Court to assume that his private anguish and personal prejudices are allowed to dictate the principles he declares from the judgment seat. Though cats have, like Macbeth, murdered sleep for him, though his garden lie devastated by cats, though he be one of those men celebrated by Shylock, "that are mad if they behold a cat," this is no evidence that cats are a nuisance.

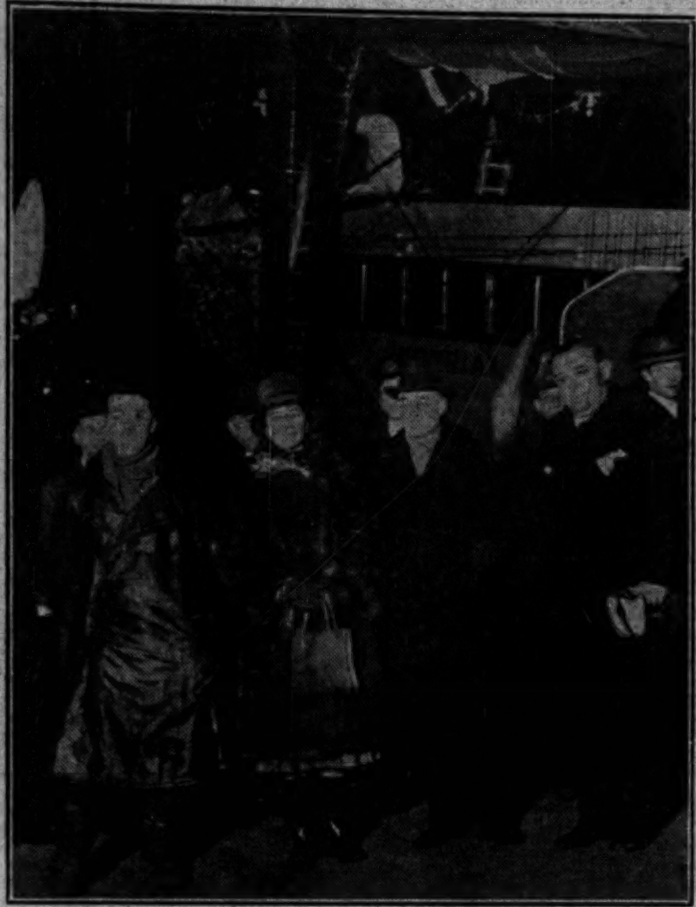
An attempt, we regret to say, has been made to defend the Lord Chief Justice, by quoting, as if it were a leading case, Mr. Kipling's fantastic statement that nine out of ten proper men will always throw their boots at a cat. But this, like Maeterlinck's sneers at the cat in "The Blue Bird," is the product of the delusion that it is impossible to like both cat and dog, and that to account for preferring the dog a man must denounce the cat.

It is true, as Mr. Kipling has excessively emphasised, that the cat has no desire to be at the service of man or, as M. Maeterlinck puts it, to worship a human owner. Your cat is very well aware that he is your equal or your superior. Swinburne hit it off well enough, "Stately, kindly, lordly friend, Condescend Here to sit by me." This is the proper way to speak to cats. The prestige of the cat from age to age is, of course, due to the fact that men of magnanimity, like Johnson and Swinburne, and the other great cat-lovers, like to live with their equals or their superiors.

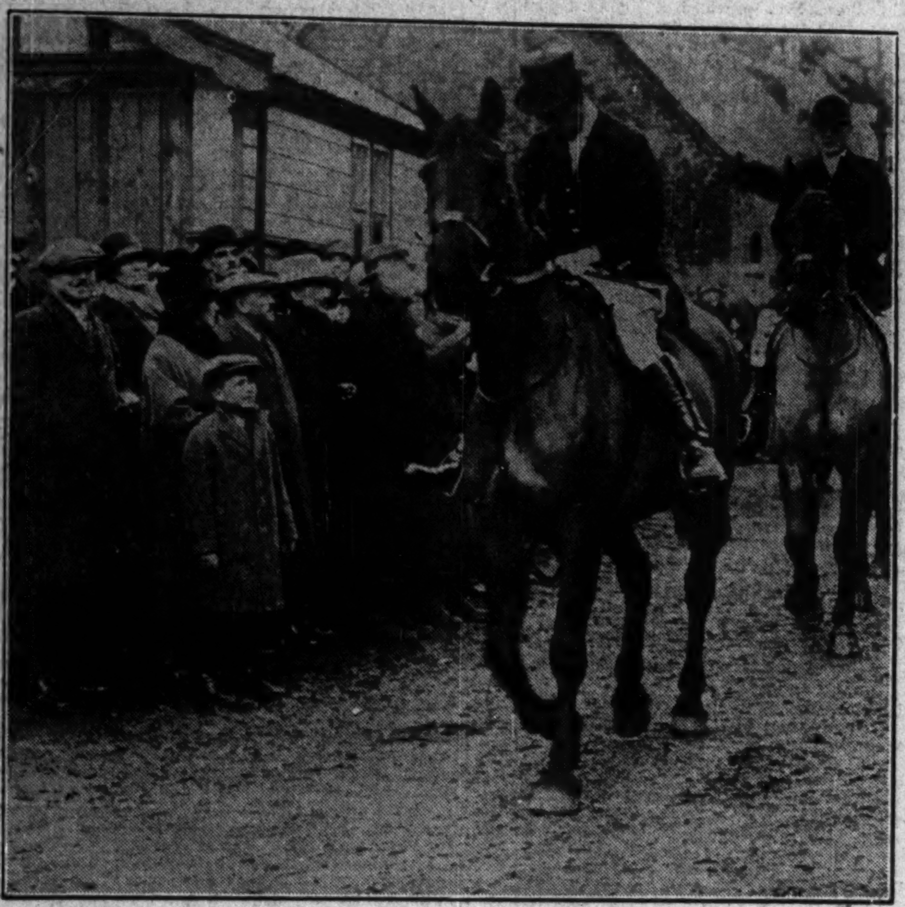


INTER-CITY RUGBY.—Cork Constitution were defeated by the North of Ireland at the Ormeau Grounds, Belfast, on Monday. The Teams and a few of their supporters.

North won a keenly-contested game by 17 points to 10. An incident in the game.

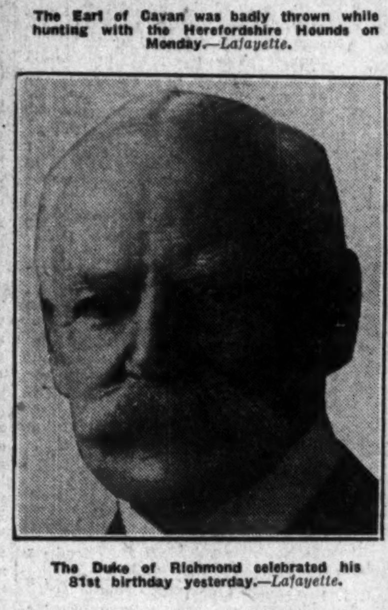


A flashlight photograph taken at dawn on Monday morning, just before Sir Samuel and Lady Hoare started on their flight to India. Left to right: Captain F. L. Barnard (the pilot), Lady Hoare, Sir Samuel Hoare, and Sir Eric Geddes.



The Prince of Wales enjoyed a run with the West Norfolk Hounds on Boxing Day. He is seen here being cheered by villagers at Titteshall.

The Earl of Cavan was badly thrown while hunting with the Herefordshire Hounds on Monday.—*Lafayette*.



The Duke of Richmond celebrated his 81st birthday yesterday.—*Lafayette*.

A typical street scene in St. Moritz, where many Irish folk are spending the Christmas holidays.

The County Down Staghounds passing through a farmyard on Boxing Day.

CHRISTMAS IN PARIS.

BANQUET FOR THE CITY'S POOR.

Throughout the year pessimists in France had been revelling in gloomy forebodings that Paris would not be able to afford itself a merry Christmas this year—at least, not in the sense of lavish expenditure on the good things proper to the season. These prophets of ill-omen seem to have been wrong; Paris in general, to judge by the French Press, had a very joyous time on Christmas Day.

A writer in one of the Paris papers of the day after Christmas, who describes the merry-making and prodigal indulgence of the more fortunate Parisians, deplores the fact that not one, he considers, amongst those who sat down to lavish feasts and enjoyed splendid entertainments on Christmas Day would have been moved on reading in a corner of the paper the day after that a woman had died of want in her apartment in the same city. He must have been unduly hard on the well-to-do community, as we read elsewhere of a gorgeous Christmas banquet spread for two thousand of the poor of Paris. The waiters and waitresses who attended on the guests were not there for pay, they were not even looking for tips; they bore some of the best-known names in the social and artistic world of France, and were helped by numerous students from the schools and colleges and the Scouts of the Paris section.

Not all of the idle rich in Paris are deaf to the appeal of charity.

A COLD CHRISTMAS.

Christmas in Paris was exceptionally cold this year. The thermometer registered eight degrees below zero on St. Stephen's Day. It is not surprising that we hear of turkeys and geese lying abandoned in the restaurants on the 26th.

The cascade in the Bois de Boulogne is frozen and there has been a good deal of skating in the park at Versailles. On one part of the Grand Canal at Versailles hundreds of persons circled over the frozen stretch till nightfall.

A YORKSHIRE ROMANCE.

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF RUNAWAY MARRIAGE.

An interesting romance is brought to light in East Yorkshire by the celebration of the anniversary of the "runaway" marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poulter, of Eastrington.

The husband and wife are both 96 years of age, and still hale and hearty. They have seven children living, the eldest being over 70 and the youngest 54.

The old couple recall with interest that theirs was a runaway marriage. They celebrate it every year on Christmas Day, the day on which they received the forgiveness of their parent.

BROADCASTING

TO-DAY.

DUBLIN (2RN)—319.1 Metres.

7.30—Gaedhilgh, Micheal O Maolain as Arainn. 7.45—German, Miss O. Von Wenckstern. 8.0—Round the World by Radio (5th of series)—Denmark. Station Orchestra, Dr. Starkie, P. Sheehan (tenor), men's chorus. Foreword, Dr. Starkie. Morning, Noon, Night; Valse des Brunes. Men's chorus, Swedish Minstrel Songs. Station Orchestra, Selections from Martha. Tenor Solo, "M'appari." Dr. Starkie, Violin Solos: Heimatsklange, waltz. Chorus, Swedish Minstrel Songs; Festjubel, March. 9.15—Mary O'Hea and Company. Scenes from "She Stoops to Conquer" (Goldsmith): Act II., Sc. 2; Act III., Sc. 1; Act IV., Sc. 1.—Mrs. Hardcastle, Mary O'Hea; Constance Neville, Theo Ganly; Hastings, Victor Harris; Tony Lumpkin, H. A. Hand. 9.45—Old Time Ballads. Edie O'Dwyer (soprano): "I've been roaming" (Horn), "Scottish Blue Bells," "Maying," "We'd better bide a wee." P. Sheehan (tenor): "Did'st thou but know" (Balfe), "Good-bye, Sweetheart" (Hatton), "Afton Water." H. McCormack (bass): "Banks of Alan Water," "The Village Blacksmith," "The Children's Home," "The Stirrup Cup." 10.15—Station Orchestra. 10.30—Weather forecast and close down.

"HOGAN FOR WIRELESS," 56 Henry St., Dublin.—(A4)

BELFAST (2BE)—306.1 Metres.

4.0—Station Orchestra. 4.28—Claude de Ville (pianoforte) 5.0—Mr. H. Richard Hayward, "An Ulster Folk Tale." 5.15—Children. 6.0-11.0—From London.

LONDON (2LO)—361.4 Metres.

1.0-2.0—Orchestra. 3.0—Eugene Cruft and his Octet and Franklyn Kelsey (baritone). 4.0—Time. A. Bonnet Laird: "Merrie England" 4.15—Organ Recital. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Radio Dance Band and Rex Burchell (entertainer). 6.50—Royal Horticultural Society talk. 7.0—Weather and news. Lady Neish: "Chuckles." 7.25—Chopin, interpreted by Solomon, Ballade III., in A Flat, Op. 47. 7.40—Mr. H. G. Maurice, "Fishers and Fighters." 8.0—"Reaching Out" An Experimental Transmission. 8.50—Winning Songs of the Imperial Three Arts Competition. 9.0—Symphony Concert. The Wireless Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Landon Ronald. Part I.—Overture, "The Marriage of Figaro" (Mozart); Prelude, "L'Après Midi d'un Faune" (Débussy); Eighth Symphony (Beethoven); Suite, "L'Arlésienne" (Bizet-Ronald); Shepherd's Hey (Grainger). 10.0—Time, weather and news. 10.15-11.0—Symphony Concert (continued). Lamitte (the pianist), with the Wireless Symphony Orchestra. Second Piano Concerto (Rachmaninov).

DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,600 Metres.

10.30 a.m.—Time and weather. 11.0—The Daventry Quartet and Penelope ...yse (mezzo-soprano), Tom Case (baritone), Olga Thomas (pianoforte) 1.0—From London. 10.10—Shipping forecast. 10.15—From London. 11.0-12.0—Dance music: Leon Van Straten's Riviera Club Dance Band.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—491.8 Metres.

3.45—Pianoforte Quintet. 4.45—Mr. Ernest R. Forbes, "Oriental Oddments." Alice Kennedy (soprano). 5.15—Children. 6.0—Orchestra. 6.50—From London. 8.50—Alec Chentrens (the Anglo-French entertainer). 9.0-11.0—From London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—326.1 Metres.

3.45—Margaret Sanders, Short Story—"Art Tubb, Explorer." 4.0—Concert. the Wireless Orchestra. Rutland Osborne (entertainer). 5.15—Children. 6.0—Sonata Recital. Reginald S. Mouat (violin), Barbara Slingsby Tanner (pianoforte): Tenth Violin and Pianoforte Sonata (Beethoven), Sonata in A (3rd and 4th Movements), (Franck). 6.50-11.0—From London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—353 Metres.

12.30-1.30—Music. 3.30—The Station Trio. 4.45—Talk. 5.0—Pianoforte recital. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Talk. 6.15—From London. 9.0—The Station Orchestra. 9.10—"The Blue Penguin," by Harold Simpson and Geoffrey Tempest, played by the London Radio Repertory Players. 9.32—Music. 9.35—Clapham and Dwyer (entertainers). 9.50—Orchestra. 10.0-11.0—From London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—384.6 Metres.

3.45—Orchestra. 4.45—Marte and Lewty (entertainers). 5.0—Topics. 5.15—Children. 6.0—From London. 6.50-11.0—From London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—312.5 Metres.

4.15—Music. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Murray Lambert (violin), Grace Angus (soprano). 6.35—For Farmers: Mr. H. C. Pawson: "The Value of the Pig to the Farmer." 6.50-11.0—From London.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—297 Metres.

4.0—Afternoon Topics: Mrs. Brophy, "Boys and Girls of Egypt." 4.15—Montague's Symphonics (from Edinburgh). 5.15—Children. 6.0—Montague's Symphonics. 6.30—From London. 6.50—From Manchester. 7.0—From London. 7.30—Song and Humour. British Composers: Muriel Herbert (soprano), Leonard Gowings (tenor), Andrew McAllister (comedian and monologist). The Liverpool Station Children's Orchestra, Bertha Murnaghan (solo harp). 9.0-11.0—From London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—405.4 Metres.

4.0—Wireless Quartet. Katharine H. Lang (contralto). 5.0—Prof. Ernesto Grillo on Italian Literature, "Carducci, the Modern Italian Poet." 5.15—Children. 6.0—Weather forecast for farmers. 6.3—From London. 6.50—Prose Reading. 7.0—From London. 8.0—Aberdeen programme. 9.30—Station Orchestra. 10.0-11.0—From London.

LONDON "ZOO'S" LOSS.

GREATEST ELEPHANT DEAD.

The London Zoological Gardens lost their greatest elephant—"Indarini"—during the Christmas holidays. Congestion of the lungs was one of the causes of her death. During the period of her illness two bottles of rum were among the things that were ordered for her.

Although "Indarini" must have carried many thousands of children for rides during the six years that she had been in the Gardens, her temper at times gave some concern to her keepers.

She was presented to the Gardens by the Maharajah of Cooch Behar, but turned awkward when the Indian mahout who came over with her returned to India.

She sulked for some months, until Syed Ali, who knew everything about elephants, was brought from Calcutta. "Indarini" immediately became docile under his care and obeyed all his commands, given in the Indian dialect.

While under his care she also managed to acquire a little trick that was not without profit to Syed Ali. If you put a penny and an apple or a turnip or a carrot on a seat, or offered both to "Indarini," her trunk would pick up the penny first. It was raised up to the level of Syed Ali's pocket and was dropped there. It stayed there.

Not till then would she pick up the apple or the carrot for herself. "Indarini" was a knowing, intelligent creature, but this little trick, no doubt, was due to something more than her unaided intelligence.

Trophies of the Smithsonian-Chryster expedition in Africa, 43 soft-shelled tortoises and a monster puff-adder, have arrived at the London Zoo.

LEOPARDSTOWN RACES.

AN ENJOYABLE DAY.

There was a noticeable falling-off in the attendance at Leopardstown Races yesterday, particularly in the Members' Enclosure; but the absentees missed a very enjoyable afternoon. Despite an exceedingly gloomy morning and heavy mists drifting over the mountains, the day held fine, though cold. All the arrangements showed careful organisation; the train service was most satisfactory, and, racing being over before 3.30 p.m., everyone was back in Dublin long before dusk.

Among those observed in the Club Enclosure were Sir Walter Nugent, Sir Francis and Lady Brooke, the Hon. Mrs. Dewhurst, Sir Lingard Goulding, General Sir Bryan Mahon, Lady and Miss Chance, Mr. Justice Wylie, M.S.H., and Mrs. Wylie; Captain Fowler, M.F.H.: the Misses Laidlaw, Master and Mrs. H. Jackson, Mr. A. Macartney, Miss Knox, Mr. and Miss Hope, Mr. Herbert Dudgeon, Dr. Hennessey, Major and Miss Brudenell Murphy, Colonel and Mrs. Clarke, Miss Clarke, Mrs. Richard Leeper, the Misses Bagott, Mrs. G. C. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Lillis, Mrs. Rooney, Mrs. Meade, Mr. Kirwan, Mr. and Miss Hunt, Mrs. George Mitchell, Miss Hughes, Mr. Maxwell Arnott, the Misses Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. O'Reilly, Miss Knox, Mr. T. M. Gerrard, Miss Clarke, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Nesbitt, Captain Barclay, Mr. Miley, Mr. Scannell, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Levins Moore, Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Haines.

£40,000 BEQUEST.

WINDFALL FOR LANCASHIRE CHARITIES.

An estate, which is expected to realise about £40,000, has been left to Lancashire charities by the late Miss Alice Ann Pilkington, aged 75, of Laneside House, Accrington. The proceeds of the estate at the end of five years are to be allocated to charitable institutions at the sole discretion, it is understood, of her solicitor, Mr. E. Ranson, of Accrington.

Miss Pilkington left only two personal bequests of £500 each to her housekeeper and her gardener.

GLASGOW LABOUR AND STUDENTS' CHARITIES.

The Glasgow Trades and Labour Council have adopted a recommendation put forward by the Transport and General Workers' Union that trade unionists should withhold support from the Students' Charities Day, to be held on January 16th.

This step is stated to be a protest against the action of university students during the general strike, when, the Trades Council say, "undergraduate blacklegs forfeited any claim for support from the trade union movement."

FOREIGN GOODS.

BRITISH MANUFACTURERS' CALL TO PREMIER.

Drastic reductions in expenditure and the imposition of import duties on foreign manufactured goods are suggested in a resolution passed unanimously by the Administrative Committee of the National Union of Manufacturers in Great Britain.

Copies of the resolution, which is in the following terms, have been sent to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer:—

"The Administrative Committee of the National Union of Manufacturers wishes to impress on His Majesty's Government that the unprecedented taxation which British manufacturers are at present called on to meet is imposing a very serious handicap on their efforts to obtain orders in competition with foreign rivals, who have the advantage of protected home markets and more favourable wages conditions.

"Further, that any attempt to impose additional financial burdens on them must act as an effectual bar to their efforts to restore prosperity to their industries."

They, therefore, call on His Majesty's Government to provide for any deficiencies on existing taxation, both by drastic reductions in expenditure and by imposing considered duties for revenue purposes on foreign manufactured goods imported into this country.

DESBOROUGH PEERAGE.

GRANDSON MAY SUCCEED.

Lord Desborough having lost his three sons—two in the war and the third, the Hon. Ivor Grenfell, recently in a motor accident—it was feared that the peerage would become extinct. There is no remainder to the Desborough peerage, but by a special dispensation it is possible for the remainder to be granted to the female side of the family.

The Hon. Lady Salmond, wife of Air Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Salmond, is the daughter of Lord Desborough, and has just given birth to a son, and it is believed that steps will be taken, now that Lord Desborough has a grandson, to secure that the peerage does not become extinct.

FLYING OFFICER DISMISSED.

Last night's *London Gazette* contains the following:—Flying Officer Harold Scott Davidson is dismissed the Service by sentence of General Courtmartial, dated 22nd December.

Flying Officer Davidson was one of the five officers in the Royal Air Force who were tried at Duxford Air Station early in November on charges in connection with irregularities in the officers' mess accounts.

ART OF THE STAGE.

THE DRAMA'S PLACE IN EDUCATION.

ENGLISH COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The drama as an instrument of education is discussed at considerable length in the sixth report just issued by the Adult Education Committee of the English Board of Education. The Committee has made investigation over a wide field, and the results now constitute a volume of 200 pages.

The far-off beginnings and the subsequent development of stage entertainment as a purely English institution, from the rude folk play of the thirteenth century to the "Old Vic" productions of to-day, are sketched in a style that makes this volume the most readable of Blue Books. Although approaching the subject primarily from the point of view of adult education, the Committee has made a valuable addition to the literature of the drama. It would be difficult to find another publication in which so much information is conveyed so interestingly upon a subject that makes a popular, because a human, appeal.

The Committee was led to enquire into the subject of the drama as an educational force by a realisation of the widespread growth in recent years of societies producing dramatic works of high quality throughout England. It will come as news to most people to learn that there are in England and Wales very little short of two thousand organised bodies for the encouragement and practice of dramatic art. There are 700 local societies affiliated to the British Drama League; a like number to the National and Dramatic Association; the Village Drama Society has more than 150 branches; the Independent Labour Party over 100 dramatic groups, and social, educational and religious associations by the hundred have their dramatic classes. We witnessed only a couple of years ago a production of Parry's "Katawampus" by a Cheshire Sunday school that for musical and dramatic merit could hold its own with any professional performance. The fact is that a large part of England to-day is "stage-mad" for good drama.

AN EXPERT WITNESS.

Mr. H. Granville-Barker, the first witness examined by the Committee, conveyed well the extent and character of the movement in England to-day when he said: "The fact that an increasing number of people in England find distraction for the winter evenings in amateur theatricals would be little more worth worrying about than the prevalence of Bridge or Mah-Jongg. But the striking thing about the present revival of interest in drama—as apart from interest in the professional theatre—is the liking of plays for their own sake, and, therefore, more often than not, the liking of good plays. I suspect that the amateur clubs of my youth still go on and perform out-of-date West End successes, in which feeble imitations are given of the popular favourites who first played in them. But the strength of the movement lies in a variety of organisations of very recent origin, quite unrelated to these in their purpose or the taste they show. I do not think they pay very much regard to the fashions in professional drama either. I believe that here is a genuine artistic upgrowth and an endeavour, not merely after self-expression, but after the far more complex co-operative expression that drama provides. Here, in fact, is a genuine and creative interest in a highly organic art."

Eight witnesses gave evidence before the Committee. They included Mr. John Masefield, Sir Barry Jackson, Miss Lena Ashwell, and many more whose names are familiar with the world of drama. Their claims, made on behalf of dramatic art, are summarised thus:—

(a) "Drama is a composite art, requiring for its full expression and perfection an understanding of, and proficiency in, the other arts.

(b) "Drama is at once a most vivid and most subtle artistic medium, and is, therefore, a powerful instrument for the conveyance of ideas.

(c) "In consequence, drama can be, under right conditions, a most potent instrument of moral, artistic, and intellectual progress, and under wrong conditions an equally potent instrument of moral, artistic, and intellectual degradation."

"These claims," the Committee state, "appear to us to be justified, and to lead to the conclusion that drama is a matter of the greatest interest to all concerned in education."

Many of the witnesses, such as Miss Lilian Bayliss, speaking for the "Old Vic," and Miss Lena Ashwell, urged that only really good drama has been taken to the hearts of the people. Shakespeare, well done, is always a house-filler, and the Greek tragedies, given in Murray's translations, are popular even among villagers, who have seen nothing of the stage. All Shaw's plays draw large audiences, but Dickens, dramatised, is no use. "We find," remarked Miss Ashwell, "that the poor like tragedy."

SHAKESPEARE'S APPEAL.

On the evidence relating to the work of the "Old Vic" and that of the Lena Ashwell Players, the Committee came to two conclusions. The first was that the plays of Shakespeare never fail in their attractiveness to a popular audience. Secondly, that when a popular audience has been attracted into a theatre, its judgment of the merits of a play is generally good, and that many of the greatest plays in our language stand a better chance of success when presented to a popular audience than when presented to the West End playgoer.

The rise and development of the repertory "little" theatres is dealt with in a chapter that makes very pleasant reading. Coming to the position of the drama in educational institutions, we find this conclusion expressed: "Turning from the schools to the universities, we find a very different attitude towards the drama. In schools throughout the country drama is regarded as an educational activity, and holds an honoured place in the curriculum. In the universities generally drama holds no such place." Notable exceptions are Liverpool University, with a lectureship in the Art of the Theatre, and London University, which has instituted a school of dramatic study and a diploma in Dramatic Art. In the universities generally the works of the greatest dramatists are studied from an antiquarian, philological, or purely literary standpoint, and not in relation to the art of the theatre, for which they were written.

Among its conclusions, the Committee expresses the view that the amateur movement plays a highly significant part in the consummation of the drama as a form of art. The amateur movement, growing as it is in strength, is giving an ever-increasing number of men and women an acquaintance with the art of the theatre, and is thus providing the perfect audience for the perfect theatre—an audience with a capacity for the keenest critical appreciation. With the perfect audience we may hope for the perfect play. The amateur movement is doing high service to education. The study of great plays, and particularly the attempt to represent the characters created by a master mind, directs the thoughts of men towards beauty, order and harmony, and confers the quality of imaginative sympathy, which is the supreme gift of a liberal education. The Committee attach high importance to the delight in speech and graceful movement which comes through the study of acting; and to the expression of the creative instinct and pleasure in colour, pattern and craftsmanship which come through the designing and making of stage scenery, properties and costumes.

"Surely," the report concludes, "this dramatic movement will grow; and, giving to an ever-growing number the gift of imaginative sympathy, the sense of comradeship, will bring some element of healing and of reconciliation into the warring elements in our national life."

TREASURY NOTES ROUND A WATER-PIPE.

HOW £400 WAS FORGOTTEN.

Treasury notes to the value of £400 have been wrapped round the cistern pipes of a dwelling-house in Fairfield, Liverpool, for the past three years. It appears that they were placed there to prevent the cistern water from freezing during a period of hard frost. The then tenant of the house, a retired builder, on giving up possession, forgot about the money, and there it remained till a new tenant found it. He consulted the police, and they discovered the owner of the money. The owner is said to have had an adventurous career in Australia, where as a young man he formed the habit of keeping his money in his personal possession or hiding it for safety, and, although in later years he became wealthy, he never put his money in a bank

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

A DISMAL DAY.

TAFFYTUS MAKES AMENDS.

FOSTER'S FINISH ON EASTER HERO.

FROM A TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Tuesday Night.

In striking contrast to the opening day, the weather conditions were very dismal at Kempton Park to-day, and a considerable portion of the course was obscured by mist. The going, though a little softer, still provided good galloping, but the attendance, in the absence of the holiday-makers, naturally was a bit down. However, the crowd was quickly put on excellent terms by the ready success of the favourite, Crock Hill, in the Chiswick Selling Hurdle Race. Mr. Goby's horse, in George Duller's hands, took the lead at half-way and easily held off Loyal Scot, on whom Fred Rees put in some strenuous, but quite unavailing, work at the finish.

Taffytus, with his owner up, refused at Bournemouth when he appeared to have the race at his mercy, but, despite this, he was trusted again in the Amateurs' Handicap Steeplechase, and was made a sound second favourite to Scotch Eagle. This time there was no mistake, and Mr. Tonge, riding him boldly at his fences, took him to the front a mile from home. Scotch Eagle made up a lot of ground approaching the last fence and also on the flat, but Taffytus had enough in hand to win a good race by a length. Tallylost, who was quite a tip, only figured prominently for the first circuit and finished a well-beaten horse.

DULLER'S SECOND WIN.

Irish Channel, with odds laid on him, gave George Duller his second win of the afternoon when he beat Maori Chief and two other very moderate performers in the Mortlake Three-Year-Old Selling Handicap Hurdle. He outjumped the opposition and never looked like being caught.

When Easter Hero won at Liverpool he left a good impression on the minds of all who saw him, and certainly did not detract from that impression when he won the Gamecock Handicap Steeplechase to-day. In front almost from the first, he at one time had established a commanding lead, but Hackdene and Dare All, despite a couple of bad mistakes, got close up to him after the bend for home had been made. Whereas Fred Rees, however, on Hackdene, was riding his hardest, Foster never hit the favourite, though he rode one of his spectacular finishes to win somewhat cleverly. Easter Hero was at one time at a shorter price than that at which he started, as money came so fast for Hackdene at the end that the favourite eased a point. The issue, however, was never in doubt, bar a fall, which did not look probable, as this nice young horse fenced in brilliant style. This was a capital double for the stable, who won the day before with Jerpoint, another brilliant young fencer, and Mr. F. Barbour certainly has a good pair in these two.

A CLOSE FINISH.

Considerable excitement prevailed over the finish of the Moderate Handicap Steeplechase, where three horses went by the judge so close together that only the official in the box could place them. Rather to the general surprise, he gave Toycup a head victory over Redlynch, with Morello third. Redlynch came over the last fence in front, and from the stands it had not seemed as if Toycup, who was in the middle between Redlynch and Morello, had got up in time, but the judge ruled otherwise. There was a pronounced late move in the betting for Morello, who was a very strong order at the close. He came very fast at the end, but not quite fast enough.

Razor proved a totally false favourite in the Twickenham Hurdle, as he had no pretensions of coping with either Twinkler or Andorra. Twinkler, as the straight was reached, looked certain to score, but Andorra stayed the better, and fairly and squarely ran him out of the race by a couple of lengths.

TO-DAY'S RACING.

The Cheltenham Racing Club hold a one-day fixture to-morrow, and most, if not all, of the principal stables are represented in the programme. A steeplechase restricted to amateur riders, which boasts a numerous entry, will doubtless attract nearly all of the best among unpaid jockeys. Tangerine IV. has been struck out. Upon the same mark (12st. 8lb.) is the useful Donegal, whose more recent work in public has been over hurdles. Connolly's Folly and Mr. Deterding are a very useful combination that may be effective here, although Connolly's Folly represents May King at 13st. 5lb. Still, the latter might prove capable of being thereabouts under such a burden in this company on favourable going. Gutter Snipe has won over the course, and he or Connolly's Folly may win. Another attractive affair will be the Evesham Hurdle, for three-year-olds, which, in view of his race on Monday and an engagement at Manchester, Royal Falcon may miss and leave the issue to Lucky Toy.

FORM HORSES.

CHELTENHAM.

1. 0—Someday.	2.30—Lucky Toy.
1.30—Pommel (nap).	3. 0—Agincourt.
2. 0—Connolly's Folly.	3.30—Rackway.

Eclipse.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Westminster Gazette:—To-day's best — Connolly's Folly. Double—Connolly's Folly and British Warm.

Daily Express:—Safety bet—Lucky Toy. Double—Lucky Toy and Prince Regent.

Daily Mirror:—Double—Lucky Toy (nap) and Noctifer.

Daily Sketch:—Double — Connolly's Folly (nap) and Notary or Nothing Higher.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

Challenge for Westchester Cup.

The Selection Committee of the Army in India Polo Association, to whom the Hurlingham Club has entrusted the task of choosing from the Army in India the team to represent Hurlingham against Meadowbrook next September, has decided to invite Captain C. T. I. Roark, formerly of the Poona Horse, whose return to the India Army Reserve is contemplated, to be one of the six or seven players selected to go to America. Captain A. L. B. Anderson has been definitely put out of the running for a place in the team owing to his recent accident while playing at Meerut. The ultimate composition of the team must depend on the form shown in America in the preliminary practice games extending over a period of two months prior to the actual matches. The fund being raised to defray the expenses of the trip now amounts to Rs. 123,572.

L. J. Corbett Injured.

L. J. Corbett, the Bristol captain, has suffered an injury which will, in all probability, keep him out of the final English International Trial next Saturday. In the last trial at Exeter he was hurt in a tackle, but thought little of it, and turned out against Pontypool on Monday. After this match he was examined by a doctor, who expressed the opinion that a rib was broken. This, however, has yet to be confirmed by an X-ray examination.

Owner of a Great Hurdler.

Mr. Percy F. Heybourn, whose death occurred on Sunday night, was a keen supporter of racing both under Jockey Club rules and the National Hunt code. He will be remembered chiefly as the owner of that great hurdler, Trespasser, who won the Sandown Park Imperial Cup Open Handicap Hurdle Race in 1920, 1921 and 1922, on each occasion piloted by George Duller. Trespasser also won the Two Thousand Hurdle Race at Manchester in 1920.

CURRAGH TRAINING NOTES.

THE CURRAGH, Tuesday.

A fine morning.

BEHAN'S Royal Vanity was schooled over hurdles; Breaker, Galahad, Lasso, Parkgate, Khedive and the yearlings cantered.

COOMBS'S Ceylonese and Saorstat covered a mile; Duleek, P's and Q's, Leander, Royal Times and others of the team had healthy exercise.

HARTIGAN'S Clough, South Pole, Shrewd King, Teresina and the yearlings cantered.

PERRY'S Maureen M and Knocklong Boy cantered six furlongs and schooled over hurdles.

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LEOPARDSTOWN.

SUCCESSFUL WIND-UP.

ANOTHER GREENMOUNT DOUBLE.

MOYLAN'S 100TH WIN.

Although nothing like as large as on Monday, when the holiday element predominated, there was another good attendance yesterday to assist at the wind-up of what has proved a successful and enjoyable meeting. The racing again ruled interesting, and backers had a right good time, as will be understood when it is mentioned that the favourites scored all along the line. Mr. Arnott's Greenmount stable, as on the opening day, accounted for a couple of races, this time by the aid of Matador and Kanowna, on the latter of whom J. Moylan completed his century of winning rides for the year—a feat rarely accomplished by a jockey in this country.

La Petite Chose made an auspicious début at hurdling in the Three Years Old Plate, in which she gave a sparkling display, which cannot be said of Gay Stella, who quite failed to run up to expectations, and was a negligible quantity when a mile had been covered. Blue Look Out flattered for a long way, but faded out of the picture in the run home, and was deprived of second place by Little Vera.

The Stillorgan Steeplechase was reduced to the dimensions of a match when half the journey had been got over, and, though he "chanced" one or two of his fences, Matador was always pulling over Tangmalangaloo, and in the end Lady Brooke's horse won in impressive style.

A good field of horses contested the Dundrum Steeplechase, and it provided a capital race. Jumping like a stag, Northern Linnet set a strong pace, and was in the van until after negotiating the last fence, when he was tackled by Tiranogue, who, served by stronger jockeyship, wore him down on the flat. Fort Elizabeth, who left off joint favourite with Tiranogue, was making a first appearance after a lengthy absence from the racecourse, but she would appear to have lost her old-time dash, and finished in the ruck.

That very genuine performer, Kanowna, who is now in his eleventh year, carried top weight to a ready victory in the Bray Steeplechase. Indeed, those who laid the odds on him never had any cause for uneasiness, for though Rare Sort, who was in receipt of 37lb., made a race of it for the greater part of the journey, the Greenmount representative beat him handsomely in the end. Newtown Park and Pearlmore were best backed of the nine runners for the Corinthian Plate, and they finished first and second in the order named, the former having more in hand than the verdict in his favour would suggest. Details:—

1.15—**THE THREE YEARS OLD PLATE** of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 15 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. An optional selling hurdle race. For three years old. 1½ m.
Mr. J. Burns's b. f. LA PETITE CHOSE, by Sonning—Saxham Cat, 11-5....P. Fitzgerald 1
Mr. J. Staunton's LITTLE VERA, 11-0 M. Keogh 2
Mr. L. Scott's BLUE LOOK OUT, 10-4..P. Coogan 3
Col. Clarke's Gay Stella, 10-9..........J. Walsh 0
Mr. A. Byrne's Roi Song, 10-4..........T. Regan 0
(Winner trained by A. H. Macaulay.)

Betting—Evens LA PETITE CHOSE, 6 to 4 agst. Gay Stella, 6 to 1 Little Vera, 20 to 1 each Blue Lookout and Roi Song.

Little Vera carried on the running from La Petite Chose, Roi Song, Gay Stella, and Blue Look Out for half the journey, when La Petite Chose went on in front of Little Vera and Blue Look Out. Half a mile from home Blue Look Out took command, but gave way again before the last hurdle to La Petite Chose, who won easily by eight lengths; a length and a half divided second and third. Gay Stella was fourth.

1.45—**THE STILLORGAN STEEPLECHASE** of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 15 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. Weight for age, etc. 2 m. 175 yds.
Lady Brooke's b. g. MATADOR, by Mirador—Captive Maid, 5, 11-8 ....W. Beasley 1
Mr. R. G. Cleary's TANGMALANGALOO, 4, 11-0 ....J. McCarthy 2
Mr. T. O'Rourke's DRINRED, 5, 11-3 Mr. J. O'Rourke 3
Mr. J. P. Taaffe's Annie's Star, 6, 11-11 M. Keogh 0
Mr. J. J. Parkinson's Land Creek, 4, 11-7 W. Redmond 0
(Winner trained by M. Arnott.)

Betting—2 to 1 on MATADOR, 3 to 1 agst. Tangmalangaloo, 7 to 1 Land Creek, 100 to 8 each Drinred and Annie's Star.

Annie's Star refused the first fence, and Land Creek fell after a mile. Matador settled down in front of Drinred and Tangmalangaloo, and making all the running won in a canter by six lengths; a bad third. Time—4 mins. 19 2-5 secs.

2.15—**THE DUNDRUM STEEPLECHASE** of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 15 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A handicap. 2 m. 175 yds.
Mr. W. W. Ashe's br. m. TIRANOGUE, by Jackdaw—Rockley, 6, 11-0....Mr. B. Masterson 1
Mr. J. S. Shepherd's NORTHERN LINNET, 6, 11-5 ....J. Tynan 2
Mr. Jas. McDonnell's IMPUDENT BARNEY, 4, 10-0 ....P. Coleman 3
Mr. H. McAlinden's Fort Elizabeth, a, 12-3 J. Moylan 0
Mr. W. Watson's Glenansar, 6, 10-6......J. Walsh 0
Mrs. R. H. Walker's Lucky May, 5, 9-12 S. Regan 0
Mr. E. Delany's Brugh-Na-Boinne, a, 9-12 M. Hines 0
Mr. T. Ray's Moor of Venice, a, 9-5 L. Fitzpatrick 0
Mr. C. McLaughlin's Commandant Dan, 5, 9-7 (carried 9-11) ....J. Cahalan 0
Mr. H. Keane's Sweet Home, a, 9-7...Jos. Doyle 0
(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—2 to 1 each agst. TIRANOGUE and Fort Elizabeth, 4 to 1 Northern Linnet, 7 to 1 Brugh-na-Boinne, 100 to 8 Impudent Barney or any other.

Northern Linnet cut out the work from Commandant Dan, Tiranogue, Fort Elizabeth, Impudent Barney, Bruga na Boinne, and Lucky May, with Moor of Venice last. At half-way Northern Linnet was attended by Impudent Barney, Tiranogue, Commandant Dan, Brugh na Boinne, and Fort Elizabeth. Approaching the last fence Tiranogue joined Northern Linnet, and heading him on the flat won by three lengths; eight lengths divided second and third. Brugh na Boinne was fourth and Sweet Home next. Moor of Venice fell. Time—4 mins. 19 2-5 secs.

2.45—**THE BRAY STEEPLECHASE** of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 15 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A handicap. 3 m. 100 yards.
Lord Lascelles's b. g. KANOWNA, by Ardoon—St. Brenda, a, 12-2..............J. Moylan 1
Mr. J. Murray's RARE SORT, a, 9-7...Jos. Doyle 2
Mr. E. Delany's PRINCE PAM, a, 9-7 M. Hines 3
Mr. J. Fitzsimons's Nurney, a, 10-9 Mr. C. Malone 0
Mr. T. Black's Knighton, a, 9-7..........J. Brien 0
Mr. Peter O'Neill's Swanee II., a, 9-2 (car. 9-9) P. Graham 0
(Winner trained by M. Arnott.)

Betting—2 to 1 on KANOWNA, 6 to 1 agst. Swanee II., 7 to 1 Rare Sort, 10 to 1 any other.

Swanee II. made the running frmo Knighton, Rare Sort, Prince Pam and Kanowna, with Nurney last. At half-way Knighton refused, and a little further on Swanee II. lost his place, leaving Rare Sort at the head of affairs, followed by Kanowna and Prince Pam. After the last fence Kanowna headed Rare Sort, and drawing away in the straight won in a canter by five lengths; twenty lengths divided second and third. Swanee II. was fourth. Time—5 mins. 20 secs.

3.15—**THE CORINTHIAN PLATE** of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 15 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A flat race. Weight for age, etc. 2 m. 75 yards.
Mr. W. A. Wallis's ch. g. NEWTOWN PARK, by Heliotrope — Ardcarsig, a, 12-3 Mr. C. Brabazon 1
Miss M. McDonnell's PEARLMORE, a, 12-8 Mr. B. Masterson 2
Mrs. R. C. Ross's ERIN'S MAID, 5, 11-12 Mr. H. J. Delmege 3
Mr. A. Rogers's Market Square, 5, 11-2 Mr. J. S. McMullen 0
Mr. J. Nugent's Greek Bullet, 5, 11-7 Mr. P. Nugent 0
Mr. J. Walshe's Kilmurry Lad, a, 11-2 Mr. P. J. Walshe 0
Sir T. Ainsworth's Polypheron, 4, 11-4....Owner 0
Mr. C. Nugent's Lady San, 4, 10-13 (car. 11-1) Mr. B. Rogers 0
Mr. T. J. Taaffe's Initiation, 4, 11-4 Mr. T. Nugent 0
(Winner trained by J. Staunton.)

Betting—Evens NEWTOWN PARK, 2 to 1 agst. Pearlmore, 5 to 1 Erin's Maid, 50 to 1 any other.

Kilmurry Lad showed the way to Market Square, Polypheron, Erin's Maid, Newtown Park, and Pearlmore, with Initiation last, until fairly in the line for home, when Newtown Park drew out, followed by Pearlmore, and won by a length and a half; eight lengths divided second and third. Kilmurry Lad was fourth, Initiation fifth, Market Square sixth, and Lady San next. Time—2 mins. 48 secs.

LADIES' LA CROSSE CLUB.

Ladies residing in South County Dublin or County Wicklow, who wish to join a La Crosse Club, should communicate with Miss Scott, The Rectory, Bray.

FUTURE OF IRISH RACING.

OWNERS TO CONFER WITH STEWARDS.

During an interval of racing at Leopardstown yesterday a conference was held by the owners present and a committee appointed. This committee will meet again at the Conyngham Club, Dublin, on Monday, January 3rd, at 10.30 a.m., and at 1 o'clock on the same day will be received at the Registry Office by the Stewards of the Turf Club and Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee, when important matters in connection with racing will be discussed.

The views of the owners, who, after all, are the mainstay of racing, will, no doubt, meet with the sympathetic consideration they deserve from the ruling authorities of the sport, the welfare of which is so essential.

There are no further developments to report in connection with the Irish Provincial Race Executives' Association's decision to abandon their fixtures.

HUNTING NOTES.

THE MEATH HOUNDS.

A BRILLIANT FROLIC OF 17 MINUTES.

The present week began at Addinstown on the 27th, when the recent bad scenting conditions obtained in an exaggerated form. There were plenty of foxes in Addinstown, one of which was put to ground in Ballinlough. Later two strongholds—viz., Killua and Brewstown, provided a lot of hound work, with various marks to ground.

A dull, grey sky, and a still very cold atmosphere prevailed at Cross Keys, Drumree, where hounds met yesterday (Tuesday). Culmullen Court was the first draw, and held a cub, whose name will go down to posterity for the excellent gallop he gave; but he lost his life in the effort. It was manifest that scent was better from the cry of the bitches in covert, and eventually they got away on good terms, and ran fast straight for Baltrasna, which our quarry left two fields on the left, and kept almost in a straight line for Kilmore cross-roads. He eventually crossed the main Dublin-Summerhill road just above the cross, and the pack, running from scent to view, rolled their fox over in the corner of a field just short of the Kilmore-Waterstown road.

The point measures about 3½ miles, and the time taken was just 17 minutes over a peerless bit of country, with the going good.

Subsequently a fox was unluckily chopped in Pratt's gorse, and the day terminated with a good hunt from Captain North-Bomford's covert at Fern Lough, the fox being eventually marked to ground just short of Ferns Station, when he looked like invading Kildare. Scent towards evening became very bad again.

Amongst those out were Lord Farnham, who had not hunted with us since prior to the war, and was very welcome, and Mr. and Miss Maxwell, all of whom seemed to enjoy the gallop very much.

KILL HARRIERS.

The meet of the Kill Harriers in the vicinity of Enfield on Boxing Day, to hunt a stag, has become something of an annual fixture, and the field on this occasion in Enfield, if not quite so large as on former years, was nevertheless of good proportions.

An untried stag was enlarged at Newcastle, and hounds, quickly settling on the line with a good scent, ran through Connellstown into Ballinakill, pointing for Rathcore. Turning left-handed here, they went at a sharp pace towards Hotwell, but again bearing to the left, went through Ballinderry, and, crossing the Longwood-Enfield road, reached the Blackwater River, where hounds ran to view, and a safe capture was effected in the bed of the river (the water was cold!) after a very fast hunt of 35 minutes over a fine stretch of hunting country.

A move was next made to Kilcorney, where a second stag was enlarged. This deer elected to take a line through Newcastle, and, crossing the Dublin road, ran through Newcastle right down to the canal and railway, which he crossed. As it was impossible to cross the canal, the hunt had to come back to the bridge at Enfield. Getting in touch at the back of the village, we went parallel to the railway for some distance, but, swinging left-handed, we crossed the Blackwater River and went into Martinstown. Again to the left, hounds took us close to Johnstownbridge village, and, leaving the latter place on our right, we once more crossed the Blackwater, and three fields further on the stag was safely taken, after a good hunt of about fifty minutes.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
To-day	Flathouse	1.30
Friday, 31st	Palmerstown	1.30

THE KILDARE.

Thursday, 30th	Ballyhook Gate	11. 0
January.		
Saturday, 1st	Enfield	11. 0

THE MEATH.

Thursday, 30th	Dunsany	11. 0
Friday, 31st	Bellinter	11. 0

ORMOND HOUNDS meet January:—Tuesday, 4th, Ardcroney; Friday, 7th, Kilballyskea; Tuesday, 11th, Behamore Castle; Friday, 14th, Derrinvoyhill; Tuesday, 18th, Loughton Gate; Friday, 21st, Fortal Cross; Tuesday, 25th, Roscrea; Friday, 28th, Abbeyville Cross. At 11 o'clock.

BALLYMACAD HOUNDS meet Friday December 31st, Hilltown. January:—Friday, 7th, Archerstown; Wednesday, 12th, Crossdrum; Saturday, 15th, Patrickstown Cross; Tuesday, 18th, Newcastle. 11 o'clock.

CARLOW HOUNDS.—A cap will be taken on Saturday, January 1st, for Earl Haig's Fund.

FINGAL HARRIERS.—Change of Meet—These hounds will meet at The Boot, on Friday, 31st inst., instead of Malahow.

MEATH HOUNDS.—January—3rd, Stackallen; 4th, Dunboyne; 7th, Kilmoon Police Barracks; 8th, Brittas; 10th, Rahinston; 11th, Flat House; 13th, Slane; 14th, Lismullen; 17th, Dunderry; 18th, Ferrans; 20th, Drewstown; 21st, Poor House; 24th, Kilnagros; 25th, Kilmessan; 27th, Carlanstown; 28th, Somerville.

HILLSIDE HARRIERS.—Meet—Saturday, 1st January, Rathcoole, at 2 o'clock.

GOLF.

FOXROCK (Ladies' Branch).—January 4th—Monthly medal, 18 holes v. bogey.

GREYSTONES.—Fourball foursomes v. bogey—T. D. Parsons (12) and G. Parsons (4), 5 up; A. "Crook" (2) and Dr. Stoney (15), 3 up; G. M. Cashel (10) and T. Purefoy (16), 1 up; Captain Morphy (6) and E. Fitzgerald (20), 1 down.

CARRICKMINES (Ladies' Branch).—November medal won by Mrs. Pim, 82 (36). December Medal—Miss Gordon, 6 down. The silver medal for the three best scores of the year won by Miss E. Stewart—75, 75, 76.

DUN LAOGHAIRE (Kingstown).—A.m. foursomes—J. O'Gorman and J. Hutchinson (15½), 78½; J. C. Harrison and E. M. Wilson (13), 80. P.m. fourball v. bogey—A. R. Mallet and G. B. Moore, 5 up; J. A. Williams and H. E. Harding, 4 up. Saturday, 1st January—Monthly medal *versus* bogey.

RATHFARNHAM (Ladies' Branch).—Monthly foursomes, 4th January. Draw 11 o'clock.

SUTTON.—St. Stephen's Day sweepstakes—P. J. Pentony (8), 68; C. Courtney (17), 72. January 1st—Monthly cup, strokes.

ROYAL CO. DOWN.—The best cards returned in the Christmas stroke competition were H. V. Coates (9) and E. H. MacCabe (12), 78.

WOODBROOK.—Saturday Cup postponed to Saturday, 8th January. Fourball sweepstake—S. A. Fitzgerald and M. J. Lee, 6 up; W. Allen and E. C. Patrickson, 5 up; M. B. Mescall and W. Bradshaw, 3 up; V. Hamilton and J. S. Stuart, 3 up.

CASTLE.—Bank Holiday competitions. Fourball sweepstakes v. bogey—F. O'Loingsigh and D. P. Kelleher, 6 up; S. R. Flitton and P. Norton, T. J. Rea and W. H. O'Donnell, tied, 1 up. Nine hole strokes, ladies—1, Mrs. Sinton; 2, Miss P. Seaman. Mixed Foursomes—J. W. Levingston and Miss N. Levingston (9), 42; Miss R. Seaman and J. L. Jones (12½), 43½.

The Colonial Office announces that the King has approved the appointment of Sir Philip James Macdonell, Kt., Judge of the High Court of Northern Rhodesia, to be Chief Justice of the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago.

1,107 RUNS IN 10½ HOURS.

WORLD'S AGGREGATE SCORE BEATEN BY 48.

PONSFORD'S BRILLIANT INNINGS OF 352.

The aggregate score record of 1,059 for first-class cricket, made by Victoria against Tasmania, at Melbourne in February, 1923, was yesterday beaten by the Victoria XI., who, playing New South Wales at Melbourne, occupied the wickets all day for 1,107 runs.

The highest previous aggregate scores in first-class cricket were the 1,059 alluded to and 918 by New South Wales, against South Australia, at Sydney, in 1900-01. The highest aggregate on an English ground is 887, made by Yorkshire, against Warwickshire, at Edgbaston, in 1896.

Ponsford batted magnificently for 352, which included thirty-six 4's, while Ryder was also brilliant in an innings which realised 295, scored in four hours. Hendry made exactly 100. The Victoria innings lasted 10 hours and 33 minutes.

Needless to add, the bowling was very severely flogged, Malley, the most successful of the bowlers, having 362 scored off him for four wickets.

Only four members of the New South Wales team taking part in this match have previously played against Victoria. Gregory, Macartney, Kelleway, Oldfield, Collins and Everett were not included in the side. Score:—

New South Wales	221
Victoria	1,107

M.C.C. IN INDIA.

ANOTHER CENTURY BY SANDHAM.

Yesterday's play in the match between the M.C.C. team and the Europeans of the East at Calcutta went greatly in favour of the visiting side, who passed their opponents' first innings total before lunch, and were not dismissed until they had gained a lead of 180.

Sandham was again in fine form, registering his seventh century of the tour in three hours and forty minutes. Frank Tarrant, the old Middlesex player, did remarkably well with the ball, his six wickets costing only 12½ runs apiece. Overnight rain had rendered the wicket soft when the tourists continued their first innings, with the total at 22 for no wicket, in delightful weather. Brown (17) and Sandham (4) resumed the batting, and at the luncheon interval, which was taken with the total at 175 for 3, Sandham's score stood at 83. He eventually fell to a catch at the wicket for 112, the fourth wicket going down at 223. The innings, which lasted five hours and twenty minutes, closed for 326, and at this point stumps were drawn for the day. Score:—

Europeans of the East	146
M.C.C.	326

RUGBY.

DEPARTURE OF IRISH TEAM.

The Irish team and officials leave Westland row by the 8.25 train this morning, and travel by Holyhead to London, where they will stay at the Euston Hotel to-night. Leaving Victoria at 9 a.m. to-morrow, they will reach Paris at 4 p.m., and so have two nights in the French capital before engaging in the first of the season's internationals. The earlier start on the journey was decided upon owing to the experience of the team two years ago, when, after a severe tossing about in the English Channel on the Friday, most of them had not sufficiently recovered to do themselves justice in the match on the following day. Many Rugby enthusiasts accompany the team, the party, in all, numbering over fifty.

MAORIS DEFEAT CARDIFF.

FINE FORWARD PLAY BY CARDIFF.

Cardiff's second match with the Maoris attracted a large attendance to Cardiff Arms Park yesterday, and about 25,000 people saw a thoroughly interesting game end in victory for the touring side by one goal to one try. Particularly good was the work of the Cardiff pack, and fierce rushes tried the defensive abilities of the Maoris severely. Once Ould was held up within a yard of the line, and there were other occasions when the Maoris averted danger only just in time. Eventually, three minutes from change of ends, the Welshmen met with reward, Lee throwing out a pass for Williams to score a grand try. Male failed to convert. Short passing made the Maoris more dangerous in the second half, and Falwasser excelled in some dashing runs, while Barclay missed a fine chance of scoring by over-running the ball when in a good position. The visitors continuing to attack hard, the play proved wonderfully attractive, Turnbull and Male doing splendid defensive work for Cardiff, and Falwasser playing a prominent part in the efforts of the Maoris. Then, half an hour from the resumption, Kingi slipped over with a try, following a scrum near the home line, and Potaka, in placing a goal, did enough to give the Maoris victory, although there was a terrific struggle in the closing stages. Result:—

Maoris—1 goal (5 points).
Cardiff—1 try (3 points).

ENNISCORTHY'S UNBEATEN RECORD.

At the Show Grounds, Enniscorthy, on Monday, Enniscorthy defeated Palmerston by a goal and a try (8 points) to nil, thus maintaining their unbeaten record this season. In the opening stages the home forwards were slow, but good work by the backs saved them. In the last line of defence on both sides, Kirwan and Furlong were conspicuous. Towards the end of the half Enniscorthy scored, Williamson getting over, but the extra points were not added.

During the second half play became rather scrappy. Enniscorthy forwards heeled better, giving the backs more opportunities. Davis scored a very good try, which Dr. Harte converted. Scores: Enniscorthy, 1 goal 1 try (8 points); Palmerston nil. Teams:—

Palmerston—V. Kirwan; Mulrooney, Hussey, Hogan, Ritchie; Russell (scrum), Hendrick (out-half); Wilson, Kirwan, Bates, Anderson, Tompson, Bailey, Andrews, Gleave.

Enniscorthy—A. T. Furlong; Dr. P. D. Murphy, Lett, Murphy, Davis; Mitchell (scrum), Williamson (out-half); G. Lett, C. J. Lett, P. A. Bolger, L. Sweetman, R. J. Ennis, W. Ennis, Dr. R. W. Harte, F. Killinick.

ATHY v. NEWBRIDGE.

Newbridge Club recently visited Athy and defeated the local team by 2 goals and 1 try (13 points) to nil.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Monkstown Schoolboys v. Wanderers Schoolboys, Sydney Parade, 2.45.

Wanderers Schoolboys v. Monkstown Schoolboys, at Sydney Parade to-day:—W. Patterson; J. McConnell, J. McD. Hamill, J. B. Plews, S. Noble; N. Coulson, R. Gray; P. Brooks, E. Foster, R. Jones, J. Price, J. H. Scott, A. E. Stone, D. K. Stuart, P. Warnock.

Wanderers Schoolboys (under 15) v. Lansdowne Schoolboys (under 15)—This match has been declared off.

CROSS-CHANNEL RESULTS.

	Points.		Points.
O.M. Taylors	16	Bristol	6
Gloucester	13	Bath	6
Leicester	13	Barbarians	8
Swansea	17	London Welsh	14
Pontypool	16	Newbridge	3
Newport	23	Neath	9
Northampton	26	Racing Club de France	0
Penarth	28	Rugby	5
Camborne	6	Plymouth Albion	3

NORTHERN UNION.

New Zealanders	29	Wakefield Trinity	24
Dewsbury	12	Castleford	6
Bradford Northern	12	Batley	9
Hunslet	27	Warrington	5

SCHOOLBOYS' MATCH.

Lansdowne Schoolboys	15	Wanderers Schoolboys	13

ALLIED CLUBS' DOG SHOW.

CORRECTION.

In Sealyhams, at the above Show on Monday, the first prize in the novice bitch class was won by Mrs. M. Mills McDonnell's The Kitty (Joker of Ballygalda—Suspense of Ballygalda), and not by Mountain Snow, as stated in yesterday's issue.

CHELTENHAM.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

Charlton Steeplechase—Someday.
Malvern Handicap—Lone Wolf.
Amateur Riders' Steeplechase—Connolly's Folly or Gutter Snipe.
Evesham Steeplechase—Lucky Toy.*
Novices' Steeplechase—Agincourt.
Amateurs' Hurdle Race—Dunin or Prince Regent.

DOUBLE—Lucky Toy and Agincourt.

1.0—CHARLTON SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. Winner to be sold for £50. 3 m. Age st. lb.

GARDENRATH (Mr. E. S. Waring) Barthropp a 12 7
ROGIOSKO (Mr. A. Law) ....Owner a 12 5
PHANTOM WILLIE (Air-Commodore C. R. Samson) ....Woodland a 12 4
BLACKING (Mr. G. T. Unwin) Smallwood a 12 4
COURT SCANDAL II. (Mr. C. B. Harvey) R. Payne a 12 3
GREENOGUE (Mr. C. Peachey) ..Owner a 12 3
JUMP FOR JOY (Mr. H. Brown) Owner 6 12 2
BENBO (Miss G. M. Yates) ......Yates a 12 1
LADY BRAMSHOT (Mr. G. S. L. Whitelaw) Owner a 11 10
CASTLEBLAKE (Mr. Hutsby) ....Owner a 11 10
THOR (Major E. G. Gilillan) McDougal a 11 8
CASTLE IN SPAIN (Mr. Saxby) Owner a 11 7
MOOR MAIDEN (Mr. Whitelaw) Owner 6 11 6
ARKLOW (Mr. H. Beeby) ....Beeby a 11 6
SOMEDAY (Capt. P. Thompson) Owner a 11 5
CARROTS (Mr. P. Woodland) (7lb. ex.) Owner 4 11 4
BALLYMACKNEY (Mr. Knight) W. Jones a 11 1
BROKEN WAND (Miss Bullow) Whitelaw a 11 0
GREVISK (Air-Commodore C. R. Samson) Woodland a 11 0
MANISTER RUSTLE (Mr. Reg. Brown) Bullock a 10 10
THE SNIPE IV. (Col. A. C. Little) Laye a 10 7
P.S. (Lt.-Col. M. Lindsay) ....Owner a 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
000	PHANTOM WILLIE ....F. Gurney	7/1
000	BLACKING .... Sully	10/1
044	GREENOGUE ....O'Neill	7/1
330	COURT SCANDAL II. ......W. Gurney	6/1
0	BENBO ....Foster	8/1
034	CASTLE IN SPAIN ....Speck	5/2
010	LADY BRAMSHOT ....Bisgood	11/4
030	CASTLEBLAKE ....Mr. Hutton	10/1
003	SOMEDAY ....Stott	4/1
000	BALLYMACKNEY ....Moloney	10/1
004	BROKEN WAND ....Pulford	8/1
032	MANISTER RUSTLE ....Phelan	10/1
200	THE SNIPE IV. ....R. Laye	10/1
000	P.S. ....Mr. Thomas	10/1

1.30—MALVERN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. Winner to be sold for £50. 2 m. Age st. lb.

BEECH-MARTIN (Mr. Coltman) Butchers a 12 4
OUTWARD BOUND (Mrs. Cohen) Powell 4 12 2
DR. BARNEY (Mr. W. Knight) W. Jones a 12 0
THEOLOGY (Mr. J. Cramsie) ...Owner 5 12 0
CULLAND (Mr. E. Davis) ....Private 4 11 12
VICTOR NOIR (Mrs. Morris) H. Smyth a 11 11
PIVOTAL (Mr. T. R. Rimell) ......Owner a 11 9
SANS DOUTE (Mr. E. Piggott) Owner a 11 9
TIBET (Mr. J. Hoboken) ....Knel 6 11 8
POMMEL (Mr. G. E. Strong) ...H. Smyth a 11 8
DORANS ROCKS (Mr. T. Mitchell) Owner 4 11 8
BLUE ANCHOR (Mrs. R. Cohen) Powell 4 11 6
BRIDGEMORE (Capt. W. D'Arcy Hall) R. Thompson 6 11 6
PARLOUR TRICKS (Mrs. Bryant) Bryant 6 11 6
COOL WARRIOR (Mrs. Nellie Roberts) Roberts 6 11 2
SNOWCLOUD (Mr. Gant) R. Hammond 4 11 2
PHALCES (Mrs. M. Jackson) M.-Jackson 5 11 1
HOLY FOOKS (Mr. P. Woodland) Owner a 11 1
LONE WOLF (Mr. M. Dollar) W. Payne a 11 1
VEDIC (Mrs. G. Phipps-Hornby) F. Brown 4 11 1
ROCKING HORSE (Sir E. Wills) De Winton 5 11 1
INDELIBLE (Miss G. M. Yates) ...Yates 6 10 13
KOOBEN (Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne) Powell 4 10 13
NOTHING HIGHER (Mr. H. J. Brueton) C. Piggott 4 10 11
PLUMAGE (Mr. Oppenheim) Barthropp a 10 10
BUBBLY (Mr. E. Arnold) ...D. Harrison a 10 9
ORANGE PLUME (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis) D. Harrison 4 10 5
PICTINA (Mr. Harry Paget) ......Saxby 6 10 4
SWAGMAN (Mr. S. Wootton) Coulthwaite 4 10 3
BOGNOR (Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne) Powell 5 10 3
HONEST JOHN (Mr. Cox) J. L. Ward a 10 1
BOYNE WATER (Mr. G. R. Lawrence) Owner a 10 1
KING'S PLEASURE (Mr. Guy Pearce) Rimell a 10 0
NOTARY (Mr. H. Adams) ....Newey a 10 0
RIDGEWAY (Mr. M. J. Cummins) Newey a 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
404	PIVOTAL ....Cheshire	7/1
234	POMMEL ....Mr. H. Smyth, jun.	3/1
043	BLUE ANCHOR ....Mr. R. Bennett	8/1
302	PHALCES ....G. Brookes	6/1
402	COOL WARRIOR ....F. Gurney	10/1
304	LONE WOLF ....F. Brookes	9/2
000	HOLY FOOKS ....Connors	10/1
010	NOTHING HIGHER ....G. Goswell	5/1
000	RIDGEWAY ....Stott	8/1
000	NOTARY ....Boulton	10/1
220	INDELIBLE ....Foster	5/1
000	PICTINA ....Middleton	100/8
002	ROCKING HORSE ....Parvin	7/1
000	BUBBLY ....A. Smith	10/1
000	BOYNE WATER ....Hamey	100/8
300	HONEST JOHN ....F. Cox	100/8

2.0—CHELTENHAM AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Second receives 20 sovs., third 10 sovs. 3 m. 4 yds. Age st. lb.

TANGERINE IV. (Mr. T. Cholmondeley) Barthropp a 12 8
DONEGAL (Mr. R. H. A. Gresson) Rimell a 12 8
RED ROCK (Mrs. Barthropp)...Barthropp a 12 7
CONNOLLY'S FOLLY (Mr. H. Deterding) R. Payne a 12 7
CORFE CASTLE (Mrs. McCowen) Lindsay a 12 4
PRINCE CADMUS (Mr. J. F. Norris) Pease a 12 2
HIS LUCK (Mrs. E. Kellett) ....Pease a 12 1
CORNEY GRAIN (Mr. H. A. Brown) Owner a 12 0
TULLYLOST (Mrs. E. Hutchinson) W. Payne a 11 13
BOLSHEVIST (Captain R. E. Sassoon) Martin a 11 13
AGINCOURT (Mr. J. Graeme Thomson) F. Brown 6 11 12
DARK DRAGON (Mr. F. E. S. Groves) Owner a 11 11
BRUFF BATTLE (Mrs. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown a 11 11
CORAZON (Major F. W. Barrett)...Owner a 11 10
CHARLES PEACE (Mr. Holland Martin) Private a 11 7
NOBLE BIRTH (Mr. J. P. Chapman) Owner a 11 6
ROCKMEADOW (Mr. D. D. Stewart) Alexander a 11 6
GUTTER SNIPE (Mr. J. A. Fairhurst) Hastings a 11 5
ATTABOY (Mr. G. T. Unwin) Smallwood a 11 5
OVERDRAFT (Mrs. R. D. Cohen) Powell a 11 4
MOORSIDE (Mr. Douglas Kennedy) Owner a 11 4
HERE'S HOPING (Mr. W. E. Robinson) Hall a 11 3
POLYNIA (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis) Newey a 11 1
CARLIUS (Captain R. M. Thompson) Owner 6 11 1
MALTOI (Miss H. Rodocanachi) ...Powell 4 11 1
BALLYCAPPLE (Mr. G. T. Unwin) Smallwood a 11 0
TIPPERARY TIM (Mr. H. S. Kenyon) J. Dodd a 10 12
NERO IV. (Mrs. K. Mackay) M.-Jackson a 10 11
GOLDEN FLEECE (Mr. J. Preston-Jones) Owner a 10 11
CAMPERDOWN (Mr. P. Woodland) Owner a 10 10
CASHLIE (Sir Ernest Wills)...De Winton a 10 10
KILGUBBIN (Miss N. Paull)...E. Doyle a 10 10

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
431	CONNOLLY'S FOLLY Mr. Deterding	2/1
000	CORFE CASTLE ....Mr. D. Thomas	100/8
334	PRINCE CADMUS ....Mr. Norris	7/1
121	HIS LUCK ....Mr. Gubbin	8/1
130	BRUFF BATTLE ....Mr. H. Brown	11/2
020	DARK DRAGOON ....Mr. Groves	100/8
120	POLYNIA ....Mr. P. Dennis	8/1
000	ROCKMEADOW ....Mr. Stewart	10/1
000	NOBLE BIRTH ....Mr. Gosden	100/8
301	GUTTER SNIPE ....Mr. S. Dennis	7/2
211	HERE'S HOPING ....Mr. West	5/1
303	GOLDEN FLEECE ....Mr. Hutton	10/1
032	CAMPERDOWN ....Capt. Gossage	6/1

2.30—EVESHAM THREE - YEAR - OLD HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Second receives 10 sovs.; for three-year-olds. 1½ m. st. lb.

ROYAL FALCON (Mrs. G. Drummond) Leach, jun 11 8
ANDORRA (Mr. T. F. Hooley)...J. Lyall 11 3
REDEGUAR (Sir E. Wills) ......De Winton 10 12
POLYPODIUM (Mr. D. Gant) L. Hammond 10 10
WAITING (Major Middleton) 10 10
ACTRIX (Mr. J. D. Wilkinson) M.-Jackson 10 10
CLYGATE (Mr. A. Andrews)...J. L. Ward 10 10
ICEMAN (Mr. D. G. Beattie) L. Hammond 10 5
SURPRISE PARTY (Mr. W. N. Bissill) Owner 10 5
CONSORT (Mr. F. Bryant)..........Owner 10 5
LUCKY TOY (Mr. J. P. Chapman) Owner 10 5
INDIAN CORN (Mr. T. Cholmondeley) Barthropp 10 5
SMITH SEAL (Mr. M. Dollar)...W. Payne 10 5
FAIR MONA (Mrs. M. Elwes) R. Thompson 10 5
SIR SIDNEY (Mr. D. Gant) L. Hammond 10 5
GIN AND TONIC (Mr. H. A. Graves) Powell 10 5
WILD DUKE (Mr. D. Harrison)...Owner 10 5
FOND MEMORIES (Mr. J. Hartley) Bazley 10 5
GLENHOLT (Lt.-Col. R. B. Johnson) Owner 10 5
LES CLOCHES (Mr. A. C. Legg) S. Bennet 10 5
THEODUST (Mr. H. Liddell)...V. Smyth 10 5
WYNDCLIFFE (Mr. W. R. Lysaght) Newey 10 5
HASTY COUNTESS (Commander J. W. McCowen) ....Lindsay 10 5
BOB STONE (Mr. R. E. Morel) Roberts 10 5
FLIRTING FRANK (Mr. G. C. Pryse-Rice) Owner 10 5
WALDORF (Mrs. M. Rimell) ....Rimell 10 5
SANS FOI (Mr. A. C. Saunders)...Owner 10 5
FLANNIGAN'S GHOST (Mr. H. Shaw) Rayson 10 5
AIR COMMODORE (Mr. Taylor)...Private 10 5
GOLDEN CHAIN (Mr. F. Templeman) Owner 10 5
OYSTER MAID (Mr. B. Warner) D. Harrison 10 5
THE MILLER (Mr. G. S. Whitelaw) Owner 10 5
FRECKLESS (Mr. E. A. Wiggin) Payne 10 5
HILL OF DOWN (Ld. W. de Broke) Turner 10 5
POLIGAR (Sir E. Wills) ....De Winton 10 5
GOLDEN BUCKLES (Mr. E. L. Wheelwright) ....Saxby 10 5

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
310	BOB STONE ....F. Gurney	7/1
022	LUCKY TOY ....Beary	5/4
03	ACTRIX ....G. Goswell	5/1
0	GIN AND TONIC ....Parvin	8/1
24	GLENHOLT ....A. Carrel	7/2
00	HASTY COUNTESS ......Mr. Thomas	100/8
000	WYNDCLIFF ....Stott	10/1
00	SANS FOI ....Greenhill	100/8
0	AIR COMMODORE ....Foster	8/1
	GOLDEN CHAIN ....K. Piggott	100/8
000	POLIGAR ....Knight	100/8
	GOLDEN BUCKLES ....Speck	10/1

3.0—LECKHAMPTON NOVICES' 'CHASE of 200 sovs. Second receives 20 sovs., third 10 sovs. 2 m. 4 yds. Age st. lb.

FAIRY PRIESTESS (Capt. H. P. Holt) R. Thompson a 12 0
ATTEMPT (Mr. D. D. Stewart) D. Harrison 5 11 7
RAMPANT (Col W. S. Anthony) Hastings 6 11 7
THE TEMPLE II. (Mr. V. F. Bosanquet) Newey a 11 7
CARK COURTIER (Sir P. Brocklehurst) Hall 6 11 7
ST. CARADOC (Mr. T. Cholmondeley) Barthropp a 11 7
LADY ARDOON (Miss E. Cleeve) Barthropp 6 11 7
BLACK CANOPY (Mr. F. P. Clift) Rimell 6 11 7
AGRICOLA (Mr. E. Forwood)......Owner a 11 7
LISSETT III. (Ld. Grimthorpe)..Bazley a 11 7
STREAM (Mrs. Hanby) ....Lindsay a 11 7
GEORGE CRAG (Mr. G. W. Hands) Saxby a 11 7
TINKER MAN (Col. A. C. Little) Laye a 11 7
BRAVE MAY (Mr. W. Parrish) H. Harrison 6 11 7
SANTONA (Maj. Swann) ....Saxby a 11 7
MOOR MAIDEN (Mr. G. S. L. Whitelaw) Owner 6 11 7
ANIMATED (Sir E. Wills)..De Winton 6 11 7
PADDY MILESTONE (Miss G. M. Yates) ....Yates a 11 7
AGINCOURT (Mr. J. Graeme Thomson) F. A. Brown 6 11 7
TUSKAR (Mr. H. K. Lawrence) Owner 5 11 4
ROMAN ROAD (Mr. R. Mealings) Butchers 5 11 4
PHILINNA (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) R. Johnson 5 11 4
DOUTHWAITE (Mr. E. W. Brook) R. Thompson 5 11 4
LUTOI (Capt. E. J. L. Speed) M.-Jackson 5 11 4
FAIRLYQUICK (Mrs. J. Putnam) W. Payne 5 11 4
HERBERT'S CHOICE (Mr. J. Graeme Thomson) ....F. A. Brown 5 11 4
KILBAIRN (Mrs. R. N. Willett)...Willett 5 11 4
BROCKTON (Mrs. C. C. Williams) D. Harrison 5 11 4
BRIDGE OF ATHLONE (Maj. J. T. North) ....F. A. Brown 4 11 3
MAXFLI (Maj. A. W. Huntington) Withington 4 10 10
KATE BARLASS (Capt. C. Noel Newton) R. Gordon 4 10 10
ALLITERATION (Lord Stalbridge) Anthony 4 10 10
ANNIVERSARY (Mr. W. Whitehead) R. Payne 4 10 10

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
001	FAIRY PRIESTESS ....S. Gorst	7/1
100	ATTEMPT ....Mr. Stewart	8/1
30	THE TEMPLE II. ......Mr. P. Dennis	10/1
300	GEORGE CRAG ....Stott	8/1
C00	SANTONA ....Hamey	100/8
004	RAMPANT ....J. Anthony	9/2
003	ANIMATED ....Parvin	7/1
320	AGINCOURT ....Foster	5/2
002	ROMAN ROAD ....Speck	7/2
002	LUTOI ....G. Goswell	10/1
000	FAIRLY QUICK ....F. Brookes	10/1
	MAXFLI ....McNeill	100/8
004	ALLITERATION ......Mr. Grosvenor	8/1

3.30—AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Second receives 10 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

AGINCOURT (Mr. J. Graeme Thomson) F. A. Brown 6 12 2
SNOW CREST (Mr. C. B. Harvey) R. Payne a 12 10
DRUMHIRK (Mr. H. Deterding) R. Payne 6 12 7
RORY'S GLEN (Mr. H. M. Hartigan) M.-Jackson a 12 6
ROLIE (Mr. T. R. Rimell)..........Owner 5 12 5
PARK HOUSE (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis) D. Harrison 6 12 3
NOCTIFER (Mr. W. Payne)..........Owner 5 12 3
FLAITH MOR (Mr. H. J. Brueton) C. Piggott 5 12 0
PTARMIGAN (Sir P. Brocklehurst) Private 4 12 0
OUTWARD BOUND (Mrs. R. D. Cohen) Powell 4 11 13
RACKWAY (Lord Coventry)...Withington a 11 12
MALTOI (Miss H. Rodocanachi)...Powell 4 11 11
YOUNG POLE (Mr. G. T. Unwin) Smallwood a 11 10
VIEW LABEL (Captain R. E. Sassoon) Martin 5 11 10
CORNEY GRAIN (Mr. H. A. Brown) Owner a 11 10
PATOS (Mr. G. E. Garnett)......Hedges a 11 10
BROWBOROUGH (Mr. C. N. Brownhill) Hulme 4 11 9
PRINCE REGENT (Mr. H. Smyth) Owner a 11 9
THORNY QUESTION (Mrs. M. Elwes) R. Thompson a 11 9
BRITISH WARM (Mr. A. Edwards) Edwards a 11 8
TEVIOT (Captain R. T. Stanyforth) Woodland a 11 8
FASCES (Mr. E. J. Gore).........Rimell 6 11 7
DUCK GUN (Mr. S. A. B. Harries) Private a 11 7
MARMOT (Mrs. N. Roberts)......Roberts 4 11 6
CLAROBIE (Sir Ernest Wills)..De Winton 5 11 6
GEORGE (Mr. F. Goldsmith)......Owner 5 11 5
MINIVER (Mr. R. de Reuter)..........Hall 6 11 5
PERISHEEN (Mr. A. H. Stringer) Munby a 11 5
DORAN'S ROCKS (Mr. T. R. Mitchell) Owner 4 11 4
DUNIN (Mr. R. Renton)..........Owner 6 11 2
BLUE ANCHOR (Mrs. R. D. Cohen) Powell 4 11 2
MANISTER FIELD (Mr. R. Hardinge) Saxby a 11 1
QUADRANGLE (Mr. H. G. Blagrave) Faulkner 4 11 1
ICARUS (Mr. A. Mitchell)...T. Mitchell 6 11 1
PULLMAN (Mr. E. W. Merrell)...Merrell a 11 1
NINO (Mr. H. Beeby) ....Beeby 5 11 1
LITTLE BUFFET (Mr. R. Renton) Owner a 11 0
GAPPIE (Mr. G. C. Pryse-Rice)...A. Law a 11 0
WALTON'S CHOICE (Sir Warden Chilcott) ....Barthropp a 11 0
VEDIC (Mrs. G. Phipps-Hornby) F. Brown 4 10 13
SANS BLAGUE (Mr. A. C. Saunders) Owner 4 10 12
PHAETHON (Mr. H. R. Armitage) Coulthwaite 4 10 10

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
000	FLAITH MOR ....Mr. S. Dennis	7/1
0	MARMOT ....Mr. K. Goode	100/8
00	PERISHEEN ....Mr. Stringer	100/8
32C	MANISTER FIELD ......Mr. Hardinge	10/1
200	PULLMAN ....Mr. West	100/8
011	SNOW CREST ......Mr. W. Payne, jun.	5/1
031	PARK HOUSE ....Mr. P. Dennis	9/2
024	RACKWAY ....Mr. H. Brown	5/2
002	PRINCE REGENT Mr. H. Smyth, jun.	7/2
201	TEVIOT ....Capt. Gossage	7/1
003	BRITISH WARM ....Mr. Dutton	6/1
043	BLUE ANCHOR ....Mr. R. Bennett	8/1
012	ICARUS ....Mr. Mitchell	10/1

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JAMES DOYLE WINS ON MAJOR RAY.

12.50—STOCKWELL SELLING HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. L. Oppenheim's br. h. BELGIAN BOY, by Mirador—Lily of Ghent, a, 12-1....M. Beary 1
Mr. W. A. Parrish's CLARKIA, a, 12-1 J. Moloney 2
Mr. D. G. Dickinson's JUST FOR LUCK, a, 11-10 ....S. Ingham 3

Also ran:—West Green (J. Hamey), Ragout (W. Smyth), Sale Ticket (V. Piggott), Dividend (T. Shedden), Indiscretion (Mr. W. West), Tinanza (F. Taylor), Oyster Maid (W. Stott). Off 12.52. (Winner trained by Barthropp.)

Betting—11 to 8 on Clarkia, 7 to 2 agst. Just for Luck, 8 to 1 each BELGIAN BOY and Sale Ticket, 10 to 1 Oyster Maid, 100 to 6 any other.

Won by a head; ten lengths. Oyster Maid was fourth and West Green last.

The winner was bought in for 130 guineas.

1.20—OPEN THREE YEARS OLD HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. 1½ m.
Mrs. H. R. Armitage's b. c. GALLANT LOVER, by Prince Galahad—Mistress Nell, 10-3 S. Ingham 1
Lady Curzon of Kedleston's BATTLESHAFT, 9-12 ....M. Beary 2
Mr. G. Barclay's SWEET PLANET, 10-7 W. Smyth 3

Also ran:—Carmen (P. Powell), Indian Corn (T. Morgan), Fear Nothing (J. Mahoney, sen.), Waldorf (F. Cheshire), Mark Tapley (J. Moloney). Off 1.23. (Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. Battleshaft, 7 to 4 GALLANT LOVER, 4 to 1 Sweet Planet, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by three lengths; two lengths. Waldorf was fourth and Mark Tapley last.

1.50—WOLVERHAMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. P. Monahan's br. g. MAJOR RAY, by Major Symons—Radiance, 6, 12-3.....Jas. Doyle 1
Mr. T. R. Rimell's ROLIE, 5, 11-13 H. Cheshire 2
Mr. C. Williams's FALSE REPORT, a, 11-1 J. A. Smith 3

Also ran:—Carryduff (W. Stott), Peter Pax (W. Smyth), Stardust (H. East), Mongoose (V. Piggott), Comether (H. Graves), Presumptuous (J. Hamey). Off 1.51. (Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)

Betting—13 to 8 agst. MAJOR RAY, 100 to 30 each Rolie and Stardust, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by a head; two lengths. Comether was fourth and Mongoose last.

An objection to the winner for bumping and boring was overruled.

2.20—STANTON SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. J. M. Woodville's br. g. PERHAPS NO, by Dibbs—Mrs. Leo, a, 10-12 ....P. Powell 1
Mrs. L. Tate's KNIGHT OF AMUSEMENT, a, 10-9 ....W. Parry 2
Mr. P. W. Russell's RED STANDARD, a, 11-6 J. Mahony, sen. 3

Also ran—Bachelor's Secret (T. Morgan), Helmet (Mr. Blake), Glenapp (Mr. Gubbins). Off 2.21. (Winner trained by Fergusson.)

Betting—7 to 4 on Bachelor's Secret, 9 to 2 agst. PERHAPS NO, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by eight lengths; four lengths. Helmet was fourth, being the only other to finish.

The winner was sold to Mr. H. Steel for 110 guineas.

2.50—OTLEY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 3 m.
Mr. H. Harrison's b. g. SUTTON WICK, by Rossendale—Flighty Flo, a, 11-5...J. Maloney 1
Mr. G. Sanday's JIMMU, a, 10-9......A. Mackey 2
Mr. R. H. Gresson's DONEGAL, a, 11-11 W. Stott 3

Also ran—Seti the First (G. Goswell), Attaboy (E. Sully). Off 2.51. (Winner trained by H. Harrison.)

Betting—11 to 8 agst. SUTTON WICK, 6 to 4 Donegal, 5 to 1 Jimmu, 10 to 1 Seti the First, 100 to 6 any other.

Won by two lengths; eight lengths. Attaboy was fourth and Seti the First last.

3.15—DUNSTALL PARK STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m.
Major J. T. North's ch. g. BRIDGE OF ATHLONE, by Bridge of Earn—Guetaria, 4, 10-5 ....J. Hamey 1
Mrs. Tilleard's LADY OAKENCLOUGH, 4, 10-0 A. Mackey 2
Major M. A. Studd's PTOLEMAIS, 4, 10-12 F. Brookes 3

Also ran—Blue Spark (J. Mazey). Off 3.17. (Winner trained by F. A. Brown.)

Betting — 11 to 10 agst. Ptolemais, 7 to 4 BRIDGE OF ATHLONE, 8 to 1 each Lady Oakenclough and Blue Spark.

Won by ten lengths; one length.

GOOD RACING AT KEMPTON PARK.

EASTER HERO WINS THE GAMECOCK 'CHASE.

1.0—CHISWICK SELLING HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. E. G. Goby's b. h. CROCK HILL, by Kosmos Bey—Barley Hill, a, 12-0 ....G. Duller 1
Mr. F. Hartigan's LOYAL SCOT, 5, 12-0 F. Rees 2
Mr. E. Thornton-Smith's SKYFLIGHT, 5, 11-9 A. Smyth 3

Also ran—Grenoble (W. Speck), Pharoah (F. Morgan), Chaltoi (G. Pellerin), Patsy (D. Frame), Zenon (T. Leader), Sunny Rose (Trudgill), Chinese (H. Hedges), Pin Pan Kit (R. Greenhill), Minute Man (J. Bisgood). Off 1.1. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—11 to 10 agst. CROCK HILL, 3 to 1 Loyal Scot, 5 to 1 Grenoble, 8 to 1 Chaltoi, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by a length and a half; a bad third. Chaltoi was fourth, and Zenon last.

The winner was bought in for 90 guineas.

1.30—AMATEURS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 3 m.
Mr. G. M. Tonge's b. g. TAFFYTUS, by Eavesdropper—Faithful Lassie, a, 10-10 Owner 1
Captain A. Gossage's SCOTCH EAGLE, a, 11-12 Owner 2
Mr. F. Usher's TIME ENOUGH, a, 11-3 Mr. Henton 3

Also ran—Tullylost (Mr. K. Goode), March On (Owner), Potheen (Mr. T. Robinson), Digby Grand II. (Mr. Fanshawe), Royal Sport (Mr. F. Groves). Off 1.31. (Winner trained by T. Leader.)

Betting—5 to 2 agst. Scotch Eagle, 4 to 1 TAFFYTUS, 5 to 1 Tullylost, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by a length; four lengths. Digby Grand II. was fourth and Royal Sport last.

2.0—MORTLAKE THREE YEARS OLD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 1½ m.
Mr. F. Hartigan's ch. g. IRISH CHANNEL, by Irish Elegance—Land and Water, 12-11 G. Duller 1
Lord Willoughby de Broke's MAORI CHIEF, 11-13 ....F. Rees 2
Mr. H. Smyth's REBECCA, 11-8 ... T. Griffiths 3

Also ran—Marapeg (G. Rickaby). Off 2.1. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—6 to 4 on IRISH CHANNEL, 2 to 1 agst. Maori Chief, 10 to 1 Rebecca, 20 to 1 Marapeg.

Won by four lengths; two lengths.

The winner was sold to Mr. V. Smyth for 260 guineas.

2.30—GAMECOCK HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 300 sovs. 2½ m. and 90 yds.
Mr. F. Barbour's ch. g. EASTER HERO, by My Prince—Easter Week, 6, 11-6 E. Foster 1
Mrs. L. Wilson's HACKDENE, 6, 12-4...F. Rees 2
Mr. C. I. Smith-Eyland's DARE ALL, a, 11-12 W. Gurney 3

Also ran:—Desert Chief (T. Leader), Odo (F. Gurney), Eureka II. (M. Farragher), Golden Street (Owner). Off 2.32. (Winner trained by Bickley.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst. EASTER HERO, 9 to 4 Hackdene, 5 to 1 Odo, 7 to 1 Desert Chief, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by three-parts of a length; ten lengths. Desert Chief was fourth, and Eureka II. last.

3.0—MODERATE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 2½ m. and 90 yards.
Major H. A. Wernher's br. g. TOYCUP, by Achtoi—Silver Cup, 5, 11-1.........M. Nolan 1
Mr. G. E. Strong's REDLYNCH, 8, 12-1 W. Speck 2
Mr. W. A. Read's MORELLO, 5, 10-12 F. Rees 3

Also ran—Witness (J. Bisgood), The Joke (R. Lyall), Peaceful Prospects (M. Farragher), Rogiosko (W. Parvin), Noble Lad (A. Gregson). Off 3.1 (Winner trained by Hon. A. Hastings.)

Betting—9 to 4 agst. Redlynch, 7 to 2 Morello, 5 to 1 each The Joke and Rogiosko, 8 to 1 TOYCUP, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by a head; same. Rogiosko was fourth and witness last.

3.30—TWICKENHAM HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. T. F. Hooley's b. g. ANDORRA, by Ballyeaston—Pyrenee, 3, 10-5 ....R. Lyall 1
Miss S. Watson's TWINKLER, 3, 11-1 A. Smyth 2
Mr. T. F. Ryan's MARK TWAIN, 4, 11-9 M. Farragher 3

Also ran—Vindictive (L. Rees), Razor (W. Speck), Lady Sheila (Mr. S. Dennis), Labadent (J. Bisgood), Gifted (G. Pellerin). Off 3.30 (Winner trained by Orbell.)

Betting—Evens Razor, 3 to 1 agst. Twinkler, 5 to 1 ANDORRA, 10 to 1 Vindictive, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by two lengths; four lengths. Gifted was fourth, and Lady Sheila last.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

NEWBURY MEETING.

Juvenile Hurdle, Old Year Meeting—Full Dress and Expert.

Moderate Handicap Hurdle, Old Year Meeting—Swift Rowland, Maltoi, Golden Ashe.

Andover Handicap Steeplechase, Old Year Meeting—Aisle.

Wroughton Selling Hurdle—Blue Anchor.

Didcot Hurdle—Truthful James and Outward Bound.

CHELTENHAM MEETING.

Amateur Riders' Hurdle—Outward Bound and Maltoi.

Evesham Hurdle—Borealis.

Malvern Selling—Outward Bound, Kooben, Dr. Barney, Plumage.

Cheltenham Amateur Riders' Steeplechase—Maltoi and Red Rock.

MISCELLANEOUS.

January Steeplechase, Manchester—Prince Cadmus.

Manchester Steeplechase—Waterford Glass II., His Luck.

Sussex Handicap Hurdle, Plumpton—Vindictive.

Gamecock Handicap Steeplechase, Kempton—Clashing Arms.

Gopsall Hurdle, Leicester—Fluke.

All handicaps for which the weights have appeared—Tangerine IV.

All engagements in Mr. G. A. Butcher's name—Lackey.

Haydock Park engagements—English Fare.

Earlstown Hurdle, Haydock Park—Guinea Stamp.

All engagements—Graceful Spear, Siroon (dead).

PIONEERS LACROSSE CLUB.

The match arranged for this afternoon will not take place, but there will be a general practice at Trinity Hall at 3 o'clock. Anyone wishing to join the club should communicate with Miss D. Griffith, Greenane, Temple road.

SELECTIONS FOR CHELTENHAM MEETING TO-DAY.

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Irish Times..........	Someday.	Lone Wolf.	Connolly's Folly or Gutter Snipe.	Lucky Toy.*	Agincourt.	Dunin or Prince Regent.
Galtee More..........	—	—	Connolly's Folly.	Borealis.	—	Outward Bound.
S Life and Sportsman	Someday.*	Lone Wolf.	Camperdown.	Lucky Toy.	Agincourt.	Marmot.
Man on the Spot	Broken Wand.	Nothing Higher.	Connolly's Folly.*	Lucky Toy.	Agincourt.	Blue Anchor.
Westminster Gazette	Greenogue.	Pommel.	Connolly's Folly.	Lucky Toy.	Roman Road.	British Warm.
Daily Express	Someday.	Nothing Higher.	Gutter Snipe.	Lucky Toy.*	Roman Road; if ab., Agincourt.	Prince Regent, next best.
Daily Mirror.	Greenogue.	Indelible.	Connolly's Folly.	Lucky Toy.	Agincourt.	Noctifer.
Daily Sketch	Castle in Spain.	Notary; if ab., Nothing Higher.	Connolly's Folly.	Lucky Toy.	Roman Road.	Prince Regent.
Star	Castle in Spain.	Victor Noir.	Prince Cadmus.*	Lucky Toy.	Rampant.	View Label.
Evening News	Someday.*	Rocking Horse.	Agincourt.	Lucky Toy.*	Roman Road.	Noctifer.
Evening Standard	Broken Wand.	Orange Plume.	Prince Cadmus.	Actrix.	Lutoi.	Rackway.
The Times	Someday	Holy Fooks.	Gutter Snipe.	Rob Stone.	Rampant	Snow Crest.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

TONE AND COMMENT.

DUBLIN IDLE, BUT CHEERFUL.

B.A.T. STRONG.

Business was resumed on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday after the Christmas holidays, but attention was largely occupied by further preliminaries in view of the account or settlement day on 30th inst. So far as the limited dealings took place the general trend of prices was favourable, and some cheerful movements were recorded in what was undoubtedly a poor trading market. Government and other Loans closed firm, with Land Bonds wanted. British Funds were very idle all day. Banks were almost neglected. There was continued bidding for Guinness Ord. Shares, which were very scarce, though the best point was subsequently not held. Rails were dull all day. Dunlop Rubber Ord. opened strong, and closed a shade under best. Tobaccos were actively supported, and Textiles were bid for, with Courtaulds and Coats particularly prominent. Lever Bros. Pref. turned rather dull. Sellers of E. and J. Burke declared on the interim dividend on the Ordinary Shares being reduced from at rate of 6 per cent. per annum to 3 per cent. per annum.

LONDON STEADY.

EASIER TONE AT THE CLOSE

There was no visible expansion in the volume of business transacted in the London Stock markets as a whole yesterday; the accumulation of orders over the week-end were naturally practically negligible, while the attendance yesterday was rather thin. A good tone was still manifest, however, but later in the day an easier tendency became apparent in several departments. The new Government Conversion Loan had the effect of checking the upward movement in the Gilt-edged market, and a steady tone prevailed. War Loan Fours, however, provided an exception, and here an advance of 1/8 was registered to 100 3/8. A firmer tone was manifest in several directions among Foreign Government Stocks. Chinese issues displayed a firmer front. Little of interest transpired in Home Rails, and closing values as a rule were much the same as at the week-end. Colonial and Foreign Rails, with the exception of Canadian Pacifics, which went back the turn, were firmer inclined. Business was on a fair scale in Industrial sections, but after initial firmness an easier tendency became manifest, and final price movements were consequently of little importance. Textiles were the turn harder in places, but Courtaulds, after improving, further went back rather sharply. A firm tone ruled in Rubbers, and quotations were marked forward in a number of instances. Oils opened firm, but later were inclined to go off. Among Mines, South Africans were strong, and Diamonds also displayed a firmer appearance. Tins, on the other hand, were dull on a further depreciation in the quotation for the metal, the closing value of £297 17s. 6d. showing a decline of £3 5s. per ton from last week's value.

CLYDE SHIPBUILDING.

Shipbuilding output on the Clyde in 1926 was 164 vessels, of a total of 294,195 tons gross, and machinery equivalent to 427,000 I.H.P. This, with two exceptions, is the lowest output for thirty-three years, but there is prospect of a period of prosperity next year.

GUEST KEEN RECORD.

A record week's output over pre-national strike period was last week set up at Guest Keen and Nettlefold's steam coal colliery at Abercynon, South Wales. Over 2,000 miners sent to the bank 19,200 tons, the daily output being 3,200 tons.

JUNIOR TRUNKS.

The directors of Grand Trunk Junior Stockholders' Protection Committee, Ltd., in submitting accounts to August 31st last, say: The past year has seen another general election in Canada, and, while no definite information can at present be given, the Committee understand that the matter of compensation is being considered by the Canadian Government. The accounts show subscribed capital—in £1 shares, fully paid—£6,112, sundry creditors £213, investments at cost £99, cash £4,500, office furniture £26, and expenditure £1,699.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active Stocks and Shares were "marked" in London yesterday:— Consols—54, 3 1/8, 4, 1/8, 3 3/4, 29/32, 4 1/16, 3 15/16. 5 p.c. War Loan—100 9/16, 5/8, 1/2. Funding Loan—85 1/16, 5, 3/8. Conversion Loan 3 1/2 p.c.—75, 4 15/16. Australia 5 p.c. Stock—97 3/4, 5/8. Aerated Bread (x.d.)—29/-. African and Eastern—27/6, 6/9. Allied Newspapers Ord.—51/-, 50/9, 6d., 1/3. Anglo-Dutch Rubber—50/6. Associated Cement—[illegible]. Associated Newspapers Def.—[illegible]. Brazilian Traction—106 3/4, 7, 6 1/2. British-American Tobacco—100/-, 11 1/4d., 3d., 6d., 99/9, 100/7 1/2, 99/7 1/2, 100/4 1/2, 101/-, 100/9, 1/-. British Oil and Cake—26/-. Bryant and May—[illegible]. Buenos Ayres Great Southern—101 1/4. Calico Printers—29/6, 9d. Canadian Pacific—173 3/8, 2 3/4. Central Argentine Cons.—78, 7 1/2. Coats—*57/9. Cook (St. Paul's) Ord.—18/6; do. Part. Pref.—21/-. Courtaulds—100/7 1/2, 3 3/4d., 1/3, 10 1/2d., 100/11 1/4, 100/-, 99/8 1/4, 101/10 1/2d., 2/1 1/4, 98/9, 9/4 1/2, 101/6 3/4. "Daily Mail" Trust—77/6, 9 3/4d., 8/-, 7/9, 3d., 7/-, 6/9, 7/7 1/2, 8/1 1/2, 7/1 1/2, 8/1 1/2. "Daily Mirror" Ord.—[illegible]. Dunlop Ord.—28/6, 4 1/2d., 5 1/4d., 3d.; do. "C" Pref.—24/1 1/2, 3/9; do. 6 p.c. Debs.—104. East Asiatic—4/1 1/2, 2 1/4d. English Sewing Cotton—55/-, /3. Fine Cotton Spinners—44/9, 6d., 3/9. General Electric Ord.—31/-, 3d., 30/9, 10 1/2d.; do. Debs.—106. German 3 p.c.—15/3; do. 7 p.c. External Loan—104 3/8. Grand Central Rubber—46/10 1/2, 9d. Grand Trunk Pacific 4 p.c. Debs.—58. Great Western Rail—86 5/8. Greek 7 p.c. Refugee—93 1/2. Harland and Wolff Pref.—16/7 1/2, 9d., 6 3/4d. Harrods Ord.—[illegible]. Hudson's Bay Ord.—[illegible]. Hungarian 7 1/2 p.c. 1924—103 3/8. Inveresk Paper Ord.—[illegible]. Imperial Tobacco—118/4 1/2, 6d., 1 1/2d., 3d., 17/10 1/2, 17/7 1/2, 9d., 18/-; ditto Canada—28/1 1/2. Lever 7 p.c. Pref.—19/10 1/2; Lever 8 p.c. Pref.—19/0 3/4, 18/7 1/2, 19/-, *18/11 1/4. London Asiatic Rubber (x.d.)—6/6, 3d., 6 3/4d. London Midland and Scottish Ord.—75, 4 7/8. London and N.E. Pref.-Ord.—[illegible]. London and N.E. Def.—[illegible]. Laras Debs.—4/7 1/2, 9d. Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.—77/6. Malayalam Rubber—41/1 1/2, 6d., 40/6. Marconi Ord.—14/-, 13/7 1/2, 9d.; ditto Marine—21/3; ditto Canada—3/0 3/4, 3/-. Maypole Def.—5/3 3/4, 1 1/2d. Metropolitan Rail—63 1/8. Nobel Industries—39/3, *6d., 9/-, *6d., 9/6, 8/10 1/2, 9/9, 8/9, *9/-, *40/-; ditto Deferred—19/-, 3d., 4 1/2d., 6d. Parent Def.—30/-. Peruvian Corp. Pref.—55 1/4. Phillips (Godfrey) Ord.—57 1/32. Rubber Trust—41/9, £5 4/11 1/2, £5 3/-, £5 3/6. Smithfield and Argentine—10/10 1/2. Southern Rail Pref.-Ord.—77 1/4; ditto Def.-Ord.—[illegible]. Sudan Plantations—98/1 1/2. "Sunday Pictorial" Ord.—5. Swedish Match "B"—[illegible]. Underground Income Bonds—102 3/4. Union Cold Storage 6 p.c. Pref.—18/10 1/2, 11 1/4d. United Dairies—31/1 1/2. United of Havana Rail—75 1/4. United Premier Oil and Cake Ord.—6/10 1/2. United Serdang Rubber—7/3, 4 1/2d., 3 3/4d. Vickers—8/10 1/2. Watney Combe Def.—260, 1, 1 1/2. Westminster Bank—18 11/16, 3/4. Workman Clark Debs.—21.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors quietly firm. Triumphs and Rovers strengthened. Wolseley Debentures bid for at 37 on Morris offer. Lucas good. Dunlops easy. Austins 6/1 1/2; Debentures 87 1/2; Bluemels, 39/9; Components, 4/-; S.T.D., 3/9; Enfields, 27/9; Humbers, 35/-; Lucas, 76/-; Dennis, 112/7 1/2; Napiers, 47/-; Rolls-Royce, 35/3; Rovers, 6/-; Singers, 45/-; Standards, 29/9; Swifts, 2/3; Triumphs, 28/-; Dunlops, 28/3; Parent Deferred, 31/3.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles show a better tone. Calicos and Dyers improve. Bleachers, 42/-42/6; Calicos, 29/3-29/9; Bradford Dyers, 45/6-46/6; Sewing Cottons, 54/-55/-; Fine Spinners, 43/6-44/6; "Stubbers," 7/-7/6; Coats, 56/6-59/-; Ship Canal, 15/-16/3; Velvets, 20/-20/6; Courtaulds, 98/9-100/-; Dunlops, 28/3-28/6; Amalgamated Cottons, 5/6-6/-; Hoyles, 27/6-28/6; Nuera Silk 32/6, do. Def. 22/6.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON.—Caledonian Insurance, 14 3/8, 5/8; Commercial Union, 24 15/16; do. British General 5 p.c. Deb., 98, 7 7/8; "Employers' Liability, 84/3; London and Lancashire, 20; London Assurance, 11 13/32; Motor Union, 7 1/2, 7/16; North British, 22 3/16; Prudential "A" shares (x.d.), 21 9/16; do. "B" shares, 38/-, 3d., 4 1/2d.; Scottish Union, 10 23/32; Sea Insurance, 63/6, 2 9/4; United British, 16/3; Yorkshire Insurance, 10 9/16.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Commercial Union, 25; Employers' Liability, 84/9; Liverpool 4 per cent. Thames and Mersey Debentures, 78; London Assurance, 224/6; North British, 23 1/8; Northern Assurance, 14 1/2; Royal Exchange, 6 7/8; Royal Insurance, 32 1/4; Yorkshire Insurance, 10 3/4.

LONDON CHANGES.

Pending the announcement of the terms on which the new 4 p.c. Consolidated Stock will be offered, gilt-edged securities became idle, but despite this a generally steady to firm tone prevailed. Among War Loans the Fours were pushed 1/8 higher to 100 3/8. The new Nottingham Loan was firm at 1/4 prem.

Among Colonial Government Stocks South African 6 p.c. were a point better to 103.

A firmer tone ruled in several directions among Foreign Government Stocks. Chinese issues displayed a harder front, and at the close the 5 p.c. 1896 at 85 and the 4 1/2 p.c. 1898 at 63 were both a point firmer. Argentine 5 p.c. 1886 at 102 and the 4 p.c. Rescissions at 83 were also both a point to the good, while Portuguese Threes firmed up to 38, or 1/2 above the week-end level.

RAILS IRREGULAR.

Home Rails experienced another extremely quiet session, but despite the slackness of interest a generally steady tone prevailed. Midland Ord. were a shade easier at 74 1/2, or 1/2 down on the day, but Southern Pref.-Ord. were put 1/2 firmer to 77 1/2.

Colonial and Foreign Rails, with the exception of Canadian Pacifics, which eased the turn, were steady to firm. Argentines were not much altered, but Centrals were finally marked 1/2 better at 78. Antofagasta Ord. at 79 were also 1/2 to the good, and Entre Rios Ord. at 69 were a similar amount higher. United Havana were a point better to 75, and Mexican 8 p.c. Pref. at 20 were also a point firmer. "Canpacs" at 173 were a point easier on the day's business.

RUBBER SHARES FIRM.

Although the volume of business put through in the Rubber share market yesterday continued on a small scale, a firm tone was manifest, and at the close of the day a number of appreciable improvements were registered. The commodity market also displayed a firmer appearance. Spot sold at 1s. 7d. per pound, and January fetched 1s. 7 1/4d. per pound. April to June hardened from 1s. 7 3/8d. to 1s. 7 3/4d. per pound, and July to September went from 1s. 8 1/4d. to 1s. 8 3/8d. per pound. London stocks of the raw material show an increase on the week of 1,058 tons to 48,382 tons. In the share market Bukit Rajah hardened to 38s. 9d. c.d., or 1s. 3d. firmer, while Java Amalgamated and Java Para both put on a like amount to 46s. 3d. x.d. and 51s. 10 1/2d. respectively. Eastern Trust were an exceptionally firm market, and at the close an improvement of 6s. 3d. was recorded to 37s. 6d. Kuala Lumpur were another strong spot, and here an advance of 5s. was marked to 78s. 9d. x.d. Malacca spurted to 68s. 9d. x.d., while Sumatra Consols at 44s. 4 1/2d. were 1s. 3d. up. Tandjong Malim finished showing an advance of 1s. 10 1/2d., and Telogoredjo and United Sua Betong were 1s. 6 3/4d. and 1s. 3d. harder respectively. B.N.B.R. Trust, on the other hand, eased the turn to 17s. 9d. c.d., or 3d. lower. Tandjong eased the turn to 70s., or 7 1/2d. easier.

TEA SHARES QUIET.

The volume of business transacted in the Tea Share market yesterday was still on a small scale, while an irregular tendency prevailed. Prices were almost unchanged from last Friday's levels.

OIL SHARES MAINTAINED.

The firmness which characterised the Oil Share Market on the eve of the holiday continued in evidence yesterday. Advices received overnight from New York were distinctly encouraging, and, doubtless, influenced the market here. At the close the price movements recorded throughout the list favoured holders in the majority of cases. As stated above, New York advices over the week-end were favourable, higher prices being quoted in that centre for Royal Dutch, Shells, and Pan-Americans. Paris was doing little in its favourites, but moderate support was received from Amsterdam for Royal Dutch. Shells changed hands freely, and were finally 1/16 up, the registered at 4 11/16, and the bearer at 4 3/4. Shell Union lost 1/4 at 30 3/4. Royal Dutch were a good market throughout the day, and at the close a rise of 5/8 was recorded at 32 3/4. Anglo-Americans strengthened 1/16 to 4 3/4. Some selling of Anglo-Persians was encountered for exchanging into Burmahs, but any shares offered were well taken, and the price remained firm at 4 11/16. The buying of Burmahs was of a good character, and resulted in a gain of 1/16 at 6 1/16. The 8 p.c. Prefs. closed easier at 26s. Transactions in Mexican Eagles were not of much importance, and, although the Ordinary shares improved in the early hours to 19s. 4 1/2d., they were finally unchanged at 19s. 1 1/2d., the 8 p.c. Participating Prefs. also left off without alteration at 18s., but the 7 p.c. First Prefs. weakened to 15s. 10 1/2d. While business in Venezuelans was not on an active scale, firmness prevailed in the group, and higher prices were general. In British Controlled gains were marked in the Common and Prefd. at 6s. 1 1/2d. and 10s. 1 1/2d., respectively. There were buyers about of V.O.C. Holdings, and the Ord. improved 1/16 to 3 1/2, while the Prefs. gained 1/16 at 3 11/16. Lagos were bid for and rose 1/4 to 4 5/8. Apex-Trinidad advanced 1/16, the shares closing at 6 1/4.

INDUSTRIALS IN BETTER FORM.

The Industrial market re-opened in cheerful fashion yesterday, but irregularity developed, and, although the majority of movements were in favour of holders, here and there losses were recorded. Hopes of improving trade with the turn of the year induced buyers to come forward for Iron, Coal and Steel descriptions, where Bengal Iron at 13s. 6d., Dorman Longs at 12s., Guest Keens at 37s., Pease and Partners at 14s. 9d., Ruston and Hornsby at 9s. 9d., Stewarts Deferred at 31s. 6d., and Swan Hunters at 28s. 6d. all gained 6d. Bleachers at 42s. 6d., and Coats at 59s. hardened slightly among Textiles, with the other leaders mostly unchanged. Of the Art. Silks, Courtaulds opened a firm market at 5 1/16, but in the absence of further supporting orders the price gradually sagged to 4 15/16, after which there was a slightly rally to 4 31/32, which left them with a net loss of 1/16. Snias likewise gave way to 1 1/16. Celanese Ord. stiffened to 6s. 3d., and the Prefs. to 9s. 9d.; while American Cellulose Pref. were inquired for up to 20 1/4. Dyestuffs put on 9d. to 17s. 6d. Apart from Johnson and Phillips, which fell back to 58s. 6d., the Electrical Equipment Cables rose 1s. to 74s., Metro-Vickers 9d. to 26s. 3d., and Henleys 6d. to 85s. Little variation was witnessed among Supply shares.

Most of the interest again centred around Tobacco shares under the lead of Carreras, which were marked up to the extent of 1/16 to 18 1/16, with R. and J. Hill another 2s. 6d. to the good at 53s. 9d. Active dealings were also witnessed in "Bats," which changed hands at 101s. 3d., and finished with a net gain of 1s. 3d. at 101s. "Imps." closed unchanged at 118s. 3d., but Godfrey Phillips further advanced to 5 1/16, and A. Baker put on 6d. to 38s. There was little variation among Breweries, but Watney Deferred came in for further attention, and rose 5 to 254 1/2. Banks were also on the quiet side. Canada Steamships strengthened to the extent of 2 1/2 to 37 1/2, and Furness-Withy rallied 6d. to 34s., otherwise there was not much doing among the rest of the Shipping section. Of the Insurance shares, Phœnix £1 fully paid shed 1/4 at 13 1/4. The only movement of importance in the Land group was an advance of 1/8 to 5 11/16 in Hudsons Bays, for which some investment orders were again reported. Nitrates moved within narrow limits. Napiers proved a good market in the Motor section, another 1s. up at 48s., but Dennis eased 1/16 to 5 5/8, and Rovers shed 6d. at 5s. 6d. Both Barkers at 64s. 3d. and Whiteleys at 4 1/4 came in for attention among Stores, but Catering and Foodstuffs showed little variation. Irregularity was displayed by News issues. Sellers appeared for "Mirrors" and "Pictorials," which each lost 1/4 at 9 1/4 and 5, respectively. Associated Defd. closed unaltered at 9 3/4, while Daily Mail Trust further advanced to 78s. Inveresk rose to 5 3/4, and the New to 4 3/4. Amalgamated Press New put on 1s. 3d. to 23s. 9d. The feature in the Traction group was the sharp advance recorded in Mexican Trams, which closed 2 up at 18.

In the Miscellaneous department active dealings were again witnessed in Imperial Chemical Industries, the Ord. advancing to 21s. 7 1/2d., the Pref. to 23s., and the Defd. to 6s. 6d., the last-named changing hands up to 7s. at one time. Brunner Monds put on 6d. to 37s. 6d., and Nobel Ord. 6d. to 39s. 3d., with the Defd 4 1/2d higher at 19s. 6d. British Dyestuffs were also marked 9d. higher at 17s. 6d. In other directions, Dunlops received quiet support, being finally 4 1/2d. to the good on balance at 28s. 4 1/2d. Swedish Match issues met with further inquiry, the "A" shares at 15 11/16, and the "B" shares at 16. Columbia Graphophones enjoyed another advance of 2s. to 55s. Among recent issues Amalgamated Press were marked up 1s. 3d. to 23s. 9d., and "Illustrated News" 6d. to 1s. 6d. prem., with the Pref. also 6d. harder at 1s. 6d. discount.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

—	Closing.	
Consols	53	54 1/2*
War Loan, 3 1/2%	99	99 1/2
Do. 4 1/2%	93 1/2	94 1/2
Do. 5%	100 3/8	100 5/8
Do. 4% (Tax Free)	100 1/2	101
Funding Loan	84 3/4	85 1/4
Victory Bonds	91 3/4	92 1/4
3 1/2% Conversion Loan	74 3/4	75
4 1/2% Conversion Loan	94 1/4	94 3/4
5 1/2 Treasury Bonds	101 1/4	101 3/4
Irish Land 2 3/4%	66	68*
India 3%	59 1/2	60 1/2
Do. 3 1/2%	70 1/2	71 1/2
Do. 5 1/2%	101	102*
Do. 7%	101	103
Local Loans	62 1/2	63
Sudan 5 1/2%	105	106

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5 1/2%	100	101
Do. do. 6%	102	104
British Col. 4 1/2, '41	93	95
Canada 4%	89	91
Cape 3 1/2 Cons.	77	79*
Ceylon 6%	106	108
New South Wales 4 1/2, '22-7	98	99
Do. do. 5 1/2, 1922-7	99	100
Do. do. 5 1/2%, 1930-40	102	104
New Zealand 4%, '29	96	98
Nigeria 6%	110	112
Queensland 4%, '40-60	77	79
Do. 6%, '30-40	101	103
South Africa 4% Cons.	85	87
Do. 6%	102	104
South Australian 4%, '40-60	78	80*
Do. 6 1/2%	100	102
Victoria 4%, '40-60	80	82
Do. 6 1/4%, 1923-5	100	102
Western Australia 5%, '35-45	96	98
Do. do. 6%, 1930-40	100	102

BANKS.

Anglo-South American	6 11/16	6 15/16
Australasia	13 5/8	14
Bank of England	244	249
Bank of New South Wales	42 1/2	43 1/2
Do. New Zealand	2 3/4	3*
Barclay's A	3 1/8	3 1/4
British Overseas	5 13/16	6 1/16*
Canadian of Commerce	46	48
Chartered of India	18 1/2	20
Hong Kong	112	115
Lloyds	62/6	63/6
Midland	8 1/4	9
National Discount Bank	8 1/4	8 3/4
National Prov. (£4)	12 13/16	13 1/16
Royal of Canada	55	58
Standard of South Africa	13 1/4	13 3/4
Union of Australia	14 3/4	15 1/4
Westminster Bank	18 1/2	18 3/4

FOREIGN BONDS. M.U.—Dec. 24.

M.U.			
101 1/2	Argentine, 1886	101	103
81 1/2	Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	82	84
92	Do. 5 p.c., 1909	93	95
—	Belgian 7 p.c. Loan	9	9 1/4 pm
52 3/4	Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	51	54
90	Do. Funding, 1908	89	91
78 1/4	Do. 5 p.c., 1914	77	79
83	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	84	86
61 1/2	Do. 4 1/2 p.c., 1898	62	64
44 1/2	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	44	47
104 3/4	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	105	107
81 1/4	Egyptian Unified	81	83
13 1/4	French Loan	13 1/4	[illegible]
10 1/8	Do. 4 p.c.	9	10 1/2*
104 3/4	German 7 p.c.	104	106
93 3/4	Greek Loan	93 1/2	94 1/2
16	Italian Rentes	15	17
93 1/2	Japan 4 p.c., 1905	93	95
95	Do. 6 p.c., 1924	94 1/2	95 1/2
42 1/4	Mexican 5 p.c., '99	45	55
44 1/4	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Trea	45	55
7 1/2	Peruvian Corporation	7 1/4	7 3/4
54 3/4	Do. Pref.	54 1/2	55 1/2
100	Do. Deb.	99	101
37 1/2	Portuguese 3 p.c.	37	39
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	69	74
21	Turkish Unified	21	22
66 1/2	Uruguay 3 1/2 p.c.	66	67

BRITISH RAILS.

M.U.			
85 3/4	Great Western	86	87
—	Do. Cons. Pref.	93	95
73 5/8	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord.	74	75
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	73	75
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	96	99
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923	71	73
50	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	49 1/2	50 1/2
18 1/8	Do. Def. Ord.	18	18 1/2
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	65	67
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	57	59
62 3/4	Metropolitan	62 1/2	63 1/2
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	89	92
56 1/4	Do. District	55	57
76 1/2	Southern Pref. Ord.	77	78
22	Do. Def. Ord.	43	44
12 1/2	Underground Elec. (£1)	11/6	12/6
102 1/4	Do. Income Bonds	101	103
105	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	102	104

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

M.U.			
77 1/2	Antofagasta	78	80
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	82 1/2	84 1/2
—	Bahia Blanca	80	82
—	Brazil Railway Common	1/4	1 1/4
101	Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn.	100 1/2	102 1/2
88 1/4	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	88	90
84 1/4	Buenos Ayres & W.	83	85
173	Canadian Pacific	172	174
77	Central Argentine	77	79
76	Central Uruguay	75	77
39 1/4	Cordoba Central	39	41
83 1/4	Do. 1st Pref.	84 1/2	86 1/2
—	Do. 2nd Pref.	57 1/2	59 1/2
68	Entre Rios	68	70
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	87	89
—	Grand Trunk Pac. Deb.	56	58
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	76	78*
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	77	79
—	Leopoldina	48	50
48 1/2	Mexican Rails	6 3/4	7 1/4
18 3/4	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	19	21
9 1/2	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	9	11
182	San Paulo Ord	180	184
74	United Havana	74	76

AMERICAN RAILS.

M.U.			
—	Atchison	173	175
—	Baltimore	110	112
—	Chesapeake	167	169*
—	Chicago, Milwaukee	8	9
42 1/2	Erie	41	43
—	Do. 1st Pref.	55	57
—	New York, Ontario	25	27
125	Southern Common	127	129
—	Do. Pref.	96	98
—	Southern Pacific	113	115
168	Union Pacific	166	168

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

M.U.			
18/0	Allsopp £1 Shares	7/8	1
97	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	96	99
—	Bass, Ratcliff 5 p.c. Pref.	82	85
53/6	Do. Ord.	2 5/8	2 3/4
53/6	Distillers Ord.	2 5/8	2 3/4
575	Guinness	560	580
—	Do. Pref.	112	117
21/3	Peter Walker Ord.	21/0	22/0
21/0	South African Breweries	20/0	21/6*
21/0	Walker (John) Pref.	21/0	22/0*
255	Watney, Combe Def.	262	267

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

M.U.			
—	Bournemouth and Poole	2 29/32	3 1/32
25/0	Charing Cross	24/6	25/6
—	Chelsea Ord.	24/3	24/9
41/3	City of London	41/3	42/0
61/0	County of London	25/9	26/9
—	Lancashire	23/0	24/0
—	London Electric	23/6	24/6
—	Metropolitan	38/6	39/6
20/9	Newcastle	1	1 1/8
24/0	St. James's	23/6	24/6
—	South London	24/9	25/9
24/6	Westminster	24/0	25/0
—	Whitehall Electric Pref.	19/10 1/2	20/4 1/2

IRON AND STEEL.

M.U.			
3/0	Armstrong (W. G.)	2/9	3/3
9/0	Cammell Laird	8/6	9/6
11/3	Dorman Long	11/6	12/0
14/6	John Brown	14/0	15/0
8/6	Do. (15/- paid)	8/6	9/6
14/3	Pease and Partners	14/3	15/3
32/0	South Durham Steel	2 5/16	2 11/16
29/6	Siemens	29/0	30/0
5/6	United Steel	5/6	6/0
8/9	Vickers Ord.	8/6	9/0

RUBBERS. M.U.—Dec. 24.

M.U.		
3/1 1/2	Amal. Rubber Est.	3/1 1/2†
49/6	Anglo-Dutch	50/6
7/1 1/2	Anglo-Java	7/1 1/2
1 23/32	Anglo-Malay	34/0
8/0	Bertam Cons.	8/2 1/4†
5 4 1/2	Bukit Merjajam	5/6†
3/1 1/2	Bukit Sembawang	3/1 1/2
19/16	Buntar	24/3*
1 1/4	Damansara	23/0
2 1/4	Grand Central	46/9
25/32	Highlands	32/6
2 1/16	Java Para	51/10 1/2
27/0	Jugra Land	27/1 1/2
5/9	Kamuning	5/9
3	Kapar Para	60/0
9/6	Kepong	9/10 1/2†
3 3/8	Kuala Lumpur	78/9*
2 5/32	Kuala Muda	30/0
2 15/16	Labu	56/3
4/7 1/2	Laras	4/7 1/2
2 3/32	Linggi	50/0
6/6	London Asiatic	6/6*
3 1/16	Malacca	68/9*
2 1/32	Malayalam	41/0†
5/1 1/2	Marlimau	5/1 1/2
1 7/8	Moopiy Valley	37/6†
41/3	Rubber Estate of Krian	3/9†
2 1/4	Rubber Trust	42/0
2 3/32	Seafield (New)	45/0
—	Sendayan	52/6
3	Sialang	58/9
1 5/8	Straits Rubber	25/7 1/2
6/4 1/2	Sumatra Para	6/6
35/0	Tali Ayer	35/0
3 7/16	Tandjong	70/0
36/3	Tandjong Malim	39/4 1/2
7/3	United Serdang	7/3†
4 5/8	United Sua Betong	93/9
19/9	Vallambrosa	20/0†

Abaco	62/6	
Allagar	4/0	
Allied Sum	22/6	
Ampat	6/10 1/2†	
Anglo-Sum	87/6*	
Asahan	20/0*	
Bah Lias	46/3	
Baru (Java)	62/6†	
Batang	2/10 1/2	
Batu Tiga	54/4 1/2	
Bernam Pr'k.	43/9	
B.N.B.R. Tst.	17/9†	
Broome Sel	38/3*	
Bukit Cloh	7/9*	
Bukit Kaj'ng	55/0†	
Bukit Rajah	38/9†	
Castlefield	9/6*	
Ceyln Timb'r	6/9	
Chersonese	3/6	
Cheviot	5/3 3/4	
Cicely	8/6†	
Dennistown	2/8 3/4	
Djember	30/0	
East Asiatic	4/1 1/2	
Eastern Sum	3/4 1/2	
Eastern Trst.	37/6	
F.M.S. Plant.	70/7 1/2	
Gadjah	8/6	
Gen. Ceylon	52/3	
Glenberrie	52/6	
Glenshiel	22/6*	
Golconda	49/4 1/2	
Golden Hope	44/4 1/2*	
Hongk'ng Sel	57/6	
Insulinde	3/3	
Java Amal.	46/3*	
Johore River	2/1	
Kali Java	3/3	
Kardatoe	35/0*	
Kepitigalla	2/9	
Kombok	4/9	
Kuala Sel.	7/7 1/2	
Kwaloe	3/3	
Langkat Sum	36/3	
Ledbury	57/6	
Lendu	27/6†	
Loengoe	7/3	
Manch'r N.B.	36/10 1/2*	
Membakut	23/9†	
Mendaris	36/3	
N. Hayoep	1/9	
N. Hummock	26/10 1/2	
Pahi P's (1/8p)	2/4 1/2	
P.P.K. (C'y'n)	29/4 1/2	
Pataling	36/3	
Pegoh	53/9	
Pilmoor	49/4 1/2*	
Port Dickson	4/7 1/2	
Ratanui	35/0	
Rim Malacca	5/6 3/4	
Rub. E. Joh'e.	25/7 1/2	
Sapong	70/0*	
Sapumalk'de.	31/10†	
Sedenak	48/9	
Sekong	14/4 1/2	
Selangor	6/1 1/2	
Sembilan	75/0†	
Sepang Sel	26/10	
Seramban	19/9	
Serdang C'tl.	40/0	
Sing United	3/3	
Singap'e Para	2/10 1/2	
Soember Ajoe	3/10 1/2	
Sumatra Con.	44/4 1/2	
Sungei B'ya	50/0*	
Sungei Choh.	23/9	
Sungei K'par.	7/1 1/2	
Sungei Kr. P.	60/0	
Taiping	2/7 1/2	
Tamiang	46/10 1/2	
Tebrau	32/6†	
Telogoredjo	63/9	
Tempeh	2/10 1/2	
Timbang Del.	1/10 1/2	
Toerangie	55/0	
Un. Temiang	4/3†	
Waverley	3/0	
Yam Seng	6/0†	

SHIPPING.

M.U.			
16/0	Cairn Line	16/3	17/3
13/9	Cargo Fleet	13/3	14/3
—	Court Line	32/0	33/0
—	Cunard Ord.	17/9	18/9
18/3	Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	17/6	18/6
—	Furness Withy	23/6	24/6
—	P. and O. Def.	240	250*
—	Royal Mail Ord.	78	83

TEAS.

Amal. Estates	41 1/4	
Assam Co.	42/6	
Assam Dooars	48/9	
Assam Front'r	26/0	
Bog'want'lawa	62/6	
Borelli	83/0	
Brahmapootra	35 1/4	
Brit. Indian	57/6	
Dudla Bets	6 15/16	
Ceylon Plant.	66 1/2	
Ceylon Prop.	64/3	
Chargola	22/6	
Chubwa	90/0	
Chulsa	90/0*	
Con. Tea & L.	31 3/8	
Darjeeling Co.	44/6	
Do. Consol.	39/0	
Deundi	22/0	
Dima	5 5/8	
Dimbula Val.	66/0	
Dooars	74/4 1/2	
Doom Dooma	89/6	
E. Assam	72/6*	
East Produce	95/6	
Empire	49/0	
Galaha Ceylon	48/0	
Imperial	40/0*	
Jotinga Valley	33/0	
Jhanzie	79/4 1/2	
Jokai	85/0*	
Jorehaut	80/0	
Lanka	47/6	
Lebong	70/0*	
Kanan Devan	36	
Lungla	23/9	
Makum	32/3*	
Medoorbund	49/0	
Nedeem	49/0	
New Dimbula	5 31/32	
Nuwara Eliya	98/9	
Ouvah	85/6	
Peacock & Nil.	3/11 1/2	
Pabbojan	6/6	
Pundaloya	83/0	
Rosehaugh Cey.	50/0	
Scottish Assam	30/0	
Scot. T. & Ln.	33/0	
Singlo	56/3	
Travancore	60/0	
Up. Assam	40/0	

TEXTILES AND STORES.

M.U.			
5/9	Amalgamated Cotton	5/9	6/3
42/0	Bleachers	42/0	43/0*
45/6	Bradford Dyers	45/3	46/3
5/6	British Celanese Ord.	6/1 1/2	6/4 1/2
17/3	British Dyestuffs	17/3	17/9
29/0	Calico Printers	28/6	29/6
59/0	Coats	58/6	59/6
—	Courtaulds	4 15/16	5
54/6	English Sewing Cotton	54/0	55/0
44/3	Fine Spinners	44/3	45/3
46/3	Grouts	2 1/4	2 1/2
56/3	Harrods	57/0	58/0
23/0	Hollins (Wm.)	1 1/16	1 3/16
—	Linen Thread Ord.	29/6	30/6
21/9	Lister Ord.	21/3	22/3
22/0	Nuera	21/3	22/3
20/6	Do. Def.	20/6	21/0
—	Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref.	1 5/32	1 9/32

TELEGRAPHS.

M.U.			
25	Anglo-American Def.	24 3/4	25 1/4
14/0	Marconi Wireless Ord.	13/9	14/3
1 1/4	Do. Pref.	1 1/8	1 1/4
—	Do. Debs.	95 1/2	96 1/2
21/9	Do. Marine	21/0	22/0
3/3	Do. Canada	3/0	3/6
—	Oriental Telephone	2	2 1/4
12	Radio Corporation	12 1/16	12 5/16
10 1/4	Do. Pref. (850)	10	10 1/4

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

M.U.			
27/0	African and East. Trade	26/6	27/6
18/6	Amal. Dental Pref. Ord.	18/6	19/0
—	Anglo-Argentine 1st Pref.	2 7/8	3 1/8
16/3	Associated Cement	16/0	16/6
30/0	Borax Con. Def.	1 3/32	1 5/32
106 1/2	Brazilian Traction	105 1/2	107 1/2
26/3	British Portland Cement	26/3	27/3
16/7 1/2	B.S.A.	16/3	17/3
28/3	British Oil and Cake	25/6	26/6
118 1/2	Brit. Col. Elec. Rail. Pf.	117	119
—	Do. 4 1/2 p.c. Debs.	93	95
99/0	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	100/9	101/3
36/0	Brunner Mond	37/0	38/0
45/9	Bryant and May	45/9	46/9
17 1/4	Carreras	18	18 1/8
28/0	Dunlop Rubber	28/3	28/6
—	Do. 6 p.c. Deb.	103 1/2	105 1/2
24/0	Do. "C" Prefs.	24/0	24/6
—	English Electric	1 1/4	1 1/2
—	Finlay (James)	12 1/2	13
30/9	General Electric Ord.	30/9	31/3
—	Do. Deb.	105 1/2	107 1/2
—	Gramophone Ord.	1 5/8	1 3/4
117/6	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	118/0	118/6
—	International Pulp Pref.	1 1/2	1 3/4
11/3	Jute Indus. Pref.	10/9	11/9
19/9	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	19/7 1/2	20/1 1/2
—	Lever 5 p.c. Debs.	92	94
—	London Irish Trust Stk.	119	121
—	Do. Pref.	73	78
16 1/2	Mexican Trams	17	19
—	Do. Bonds	62	65
63 1/2	Do. L. and P. Bonds	63	66
37/9	Nobel Ord.	38/9	39/9
22/7 1/2	Do. Pref.	22/6	23/6
18/4 1/2	Do. Def.	19/3	19/9
1 5/16	Parent Trust Def.	1 1/2	1 3/4
19/6	Do. Ord.	1 5/16	1 1/16
28/6	Platt Bros. Ord.	27/9	28/9
—	Prov. Cine. 7 1/2 p.c. Pf. Ord.	1 1/16	1 3/16
—	Rolls Royce	34/6	35/6
35/0	Salt Union	1 1/16	1 3/16
101 1/2	San Paulo Tram Deb.	99	104*
279	Shawinigan Water Com.	274	280
15 7/8	Swedish Match "B"	15 15/16	16 1/16
—	Taylor's Service	30/3	31/3
—	Tilling Ord.	32/0	33/0
—	Do. 5 1/2 p.c. Cum. Pref.	4 1/2	4 3/4
—	United Alkali	1 1/16	1 3/16
30/3	Wallpaper Def.	30/3	30/9*

*Ex div. †Ex rights. ‡Cum. div. §Ex bonus.

BRITISH CONVERSION LOAN

SECURITIES AFFECTED.

The announcement that the British Treasury has decided to issue a Conversion Loan to holders of British Government securities maturing next year is not surprising; indeed, the necessity for such an operation was obvious, but the fixing of the rate of interest at 4 per cent., instead of the 4 1/2 per cent. previously offered, had not generally been anticipated.

The new offer is designated as a 4 per cent. Consolidated Loan; the bonds may be acquired either by conversion of 5 per cent. Treasury Bonds due 1st February, 1927, or 5 per cent., or 4 per cent. National War Bonds, due 1st October, 1927, or for cash.

Encouraged by the success of the offer made on 30th September last, when holders of 5 per cent. Treasury Bonds falling due on 1st February next were given the option to take up 4 1/2 per cent. Bonds (writes *The Financial Times*), the Treasury is taking advantage of the easy monetary conditions prevailing to reduce still further the burden of debt maturing in the next three years.

On the last occasion the offer, it may be recalled, was for conversion at par, with a cash payment of £1 for each £100 5 per cent. Bonds surrendered, and holders of no less than £82,700,000 availed themselves of the offer, so that of the amount issued the amount outstanding is only £26,931,887.

Apart from various issues which need not necessarily be redeemed until a later date, the official list shows the following amounts falling due:—

1927..5 p.c. Treasury Bonds	£26,931,887
1927..5 p.c. National War Bonds	158,116,141
1927..4 p.c. " " "	79,983,254
1928..3 1/2 p.c. War Loan	62,713,997
1928..5 p.c. National War Bds. (2nd Ser.)	122,283,334
1928..4 p.c. " " "	37,360,098
1928..5 p.c. " " " (3rd Ser.)	189,820,025
1928..4 p.c. " " "	20,612,713
1929..5 p.c. " " " (4th Ser.)	92,690,565
1929..4 p.c. " " "	4,808,565
1930..5 1/2 p.c. Treasury Bonds	30,657,387
	£935,614,886

The 5 per cent. National War Bonds, which are redeemable in October, 1927, total £158,116,141, while the outstanding 4 per cents. amount to £79,983,254. The total offer, therefore, affects £265,031,282 of stock.

A treaty of friendship and arbitration between Italy and Germany will be signed in Rome to-day, says Reuter.

LONDON MINING MARKET NEGLECTED.

KAFFIRS CONTINUE FIRM.

Holiday influences were still in evidence on the re-opening of the Stock Exchange yesterday. The attendance of members was thin, and the accumulation of public orders over the long week-end was very small. Business in many departments was practically at a standstill, and interest in the Mining market was reduced to slight proportions. The tone, however, of the Kaffir section was quite firm, this being partly due to a wider appreciation of the progress which the industry has made during the past year, and more particularly in the favourable attitude of both Paris and the Cape towards their respective favourites. Also there was some nibbling here at a few of the leading counters, among which may be reckoned several members of the Anglo-American group, Anglos themselves, Brakpan and Springs Mines being strong. Paris influence was reflected in Central Mining, which went ahead smartly; while of the other finance descriptions Rand Mines, Goldfields, "Johnnies," Anglo-French, African and European, and "Generals" were all better. Union Corporation were unchanged, but Geduld, Modderfontein and other Far Easterns improved. Johannesburg bought several of the above, and good support was also forthcoming from that centre for East Rand and Modder East, both of which advanced sharply. In the Rhodesian department attention was mainly directed to the international counters, Chartered, Tanks and Zams being principally favoured. Cam and Motor were being quietly picked up, but most of those shares, which were strong on the eve of the holiday, were allowed to slip back, Southern Rhodesian, Base Metals, Congo Border, Kasempa and Northern Rhodesia all showing shrinkages at the close. In the early hours Paris bought De Beers Deferred somewhat freely, but there was a little selling on this side, so that at the close the quotation was below the best, though still showing a gain on the day. The Preferred and Jagersfontein were also harder, but Consolidated Diamonds Shares and options were dullish. The price of tin dipped below the £300 mark, being finally £3 5s. lower at £297 17s. 6d. per ton, and the share market became dull and listless. Malayans were marked down, and several other Eastern descriptions receded, Tronoh, Kamunting, Bangrin and Siamese being among the number. The falls were not so much the result of actual selling as of precautionary measures adopted by dealers. Among Coppers, Rio Tinto, after a firm start, became dullish, and closed a half-crown down. Canadians were idle, but prices were well maintained. Elsewhere Burma Corporation were again in good demand and moved up, and San Francisco were being quietly absorbed, while Minerals Separation jumped up smartly. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Dec. 24.		
27/0	Afric. & Eur.	27/3-29/3
1 27/32	Anglo-A Cp.	1 27/32-1 29/32
26/0	Anglo-Fr'ch.	26/0-26/6
4 1/4	Brakpan	4 5/16-4 3/8
16 3/4	Cent. Mining	17 1/4-17 1/2
5/16	Central West	3/6-4/0
1 11/16	City Deep	1 23/32-1 25/32
1 7/8	Con. Goldflds	1 31/32-2 1/32
11/0	Cons. M. Reef	10/6-11/0
23/9	Con. M. Sel.	23/6-24/0
3 5/16	Crown Mines	3 11/32-3 13/32
13/0	Durban Deep	12/6-13/6
10/9	E. Rand Prop	15/9-16/3
2 1/2	Geduld	4 3/4-4 13/16
2 3/32	Gen. Mining	2 1/32-2 3/32
9/6	G. M. Invest.	9/3-9/9
8 5/8	Govt. Mines	8 5/16-8 7/16
1/6	HendlesPlat.	1/6-2/0
3/7 1/2	Hendersons	3/6-3/9
48/0	JohanInvsts.	48/9-49/9
4/0	Kleinfontein	3/6-4/0
14/0	Knight's	13/3-14/3
20/9	LanglaagteE	21/0-21/6
7/9	Lydenb'g Plt	7/0-8/0
1 3/16	Meyer&Char	1 1/8-1 1/4
4 5/16	Modderfontn	5 1/32-5 3/32
21/6	Modder B.	21/6-22/6
1 29/32	Modder Deep	1 7/8-1 15/16
22/6	Modder East	23/3-24/3
2 1/8	New S.Areas	1 31/32-2 1/32
7/6	Nigel	7/6-8/6
6/6	Nourse	6/3-6/9
3 7/32	Rand Mines	3 9/32-3 11/32
13/6	Randfontein	13/6-14/0
1 7/8	RobinDeepB	1 7/8-1 15/16
1	Do. A (1/)	1 5/16-1 1/16
7/6	Rose Deep	7/0-7/6
1 1/8	S.A. G. Trust	1 3/32-1 1/32
19/0	S.A. Towns	18/9-19/3
3 1/4	Springs	3 7/32-3 9/32
18/6	Sth.-W. Af.	17/0-18/0
4	Sub Nigel	3 7/8-4
3 15/16	Trans.Del.B.	3 3/8-3 7/8
2 7/16	Trans.Con.L	2 7/16-2 9/16
16/0	Trans.Devel.	16/3-16/9
3 1/16	Union Corp.	3 1/16-3 1/8
24/0	Van Ryn	23/3-24/3
2 15/32	Do. Deep	2 19/32-2 21/32
2 9/32	Vereeniging	2 9/32-2 11/32
5/6	Village Deep	5/3-5/9
16/0	West R. Con.	16/0-16/6
1 15/32	WestSprings	28/0-28/6
1 5/16	Wit. Deep	1 5/16-1 1/4

RUSSIAN.

5/7 1/2	Lena Gold	5/9-6/3
3/3	Rus. As. Cns.	2/3-3/6
3/9	Russ. Mining	3/0-4/0
5/16	Spassky	1/4-5/16

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Dec. 24.		
9/3	BechuanaEx	9/0-9/6
8/0	Beira T.Sites	8/0-8/0
6/10 1/2	B. M'Kubwa	6/9-7/0
2 1/2	Cam& Motor	2 17/32-2 19/32
28/6	Char. B.S.A.	29/1 1/2-29/4 1/2
5 4 1/2	Falcon	5/3-5/9
14/6	GaikaGold	14/0-15/0
14/9	Globe & Phœ	14/6-15/0
9/6	Gold F. Rho.	9/4 1/2-9/7 1/2
1 1/16	LonelyReef	5/8-3/4
1 5/8	Rezende	1 9/16-1 11/16
4/10 1/2	R. Broken H.	4/10 1/2-5/1 1/2
4 1/4	R. CongoBor.	4 1/8-4 3/8
11/9	Selukwe (2/6)	11/9-12/3
1 5/8	Shamva	1 5/16-1 1/16
27/32	Sherw'd Star	1 5/16-1 1/16
6 1/2	S. Rhd. Mtls.	6 1/4-6 1/2
2 9/32	Tangan. Con.	2 9/32-2 7/32
2 1/16	Vic. FallsOrd	2 3/32-2 5/32
32/6	Do. Pref.	32/0-33/0
26/0	Wankie Col.	25/6-26/6*
8/1 1/2	Willoughby	8/0-8/6
1 31/32	Zamb. Expl.	2-2 1/16

DIAMOND.

20/3	Angola Dia.	19/6-20/6
22/9	Cn. D.S.W.A	22/6-23/0
17 3/8	DeBeersDef.	17 11/16-17 13/16
13 3/8	Do. Pref.	13 3/8-14 1/8
3 5/8	Jagersf'tein	3 11/16-3 15/16
15/32	N. Val. River	15/32-15/32
7 1/4	Premier Pref	7 1/4-7 1/2
19/0	WestAfrican	19/0-20/0

AUSTRALIAN.

1/2	Amal. Zinc	9/3-10/3
0/9	Associated	0/9-1/0
26/9	B. Hill Prop.	26/3-27/3
3 3/4	Do. South	3 3/4-3 7/8
1 23/32	Elec. Zinc Pf.	1 11/16-1 15/16
6 11/32	Nth. Bn. Hill	6 1/4-6 3/8
20/3	SulphideOrd.	20/6-21/6
13/9	Sth. Kalgurli	13/6-14/6
2 15/16	ZincOrd. (10/)	2 15/16-3
4 9/32	Do. Pref.	4 1/4-4 3/8

COPPER.

11/6	Arizona (5/)	1/2-5/8
2/0	Mt. Elliot (£5)	1 5/16-1 7/16
27/9	Mount Lyell	28/0-29/0
8/6	Mt. Morgan	8/0-9/0
1 5/8	Namaqua	1 5/16-1 7/16
38 7/8	RioTinto (£5)	39 1/4-39 1/2
3/9	S. American	3/3-3/9

TIN.

M.U. Dec. 24.		
14/0	Anglo-C. (10/)	13/9-14/3
3 3/4	Aramayo	3 5/8-3 7/8
23/0	BauchiOrd.	22/9-23/3
29/6	Do. Pref.	29/0-29/6
8/6	Bisichi	8/3-8/9
20/0	EasternTr'st	19/6-20/6
2 9/16	Gopeng	2 1/2-2 5/8
48/6	Ipoh	47/9-48/9
22/6	KadunaSynd	22/3-23/3
4 1/8	Kamunting	4 1/16-4 3/16
5/4 1/2	Keffi Cons(5/)	5/3-5/6
2 5/16	Kram'tPulai	2 23/32-2 31/32
29/9	MalayanT.D	28/6-29/6
17/0	Mongu	16/9-17/3
1 11/16	Naraguta	1 5/8-1 3/4
12/9	Pahang(5/)	12/6-13/0
24/0	Rambutan	1 1/8-1 1/4
7/0	Rayfield (10)	6/9-7/3
22/9	Do. P. Pref.	22/6-23/6
2 29/32	Renong	2 27/32-2 29/32
15/0	Ropp (4/)	15/0-15/6
28/9	Siamese	27/9-28/9
3/9	Sth. Bukeru	3/6-4/0
21/3	Tavoy (4/)	20/6-21/6
19/0	TinghaTin	18/0-19/0
10/0	TinProps. (2/)	9/6-10/6
28/6	Tin Selec. Tst	28/0-29/0
20/3	Tronoh (5/)	19/6-20/6

WEST AFRICAN.

13/3	Ashanti	12/6-13/6
11/0	Fanti Cons.	11/0-11/6
18/3	GoldCt. Amal	18/0-18/6

MISCELLANEOUS.

4/6	BarrierTrust	4/3-4/9*
14/1 1/2	Burma Corp.	14/9-15/0
10/10 1/2	Champ. Reef	10/9-11/3
1 5/16	Chos. Synd. A	1 1/4-1 3/8
4/3	ColombianP.	3/4-7/8
2 9/32	HuronBelt	2 5/16-2 9/16
6/1 1/2	KeeleySilver	6/0-6/3
9/0	Kirkland L.	8/6-9/6
1 1/16	MexicoMin's	1-1 1/8
3 7/8	Min. Sepa't'n	4-4 1/4
13/0	Min. Crp. Can	12/9-13/3
14/4 1/2	Mysore (10/)	14/0-15/0
5/0	Nat. Min. (8/)	5/0-5/3
7/0	Nundydroog	7/0-7/6
7/16	Nus R. Gold	3/4-7/8
13/9	Ooregum	13/3-14/3
9/0	St. J. DelRey	8/6-9/6
31/3	San Fr'isco	31/6-32/0
14/0	Santa Gert.	14/0-14/3
6/9	Vipond	6/9-7/0
17/0	Waihi Gold	17/3-18/3

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DUBLIN BUSINESS DONE.

GUINNESS, TOBACCOS, TEXTILES, AND DUNLOPS ALL HIGHER.

Government National Loan repeated 99 3/4 and Compensation 5 p.c. 97, while Land Bonds 4 1/2 p.c. rose 1/16 to 90, 90 1/16.

In British Funds, War Loan 5 p.c. repeated 100 1/4, but Guaranteed Land 2 3/4 p.c. Stock gave way 1/4 to 67 3/4.

In Banks, Nationals repeated 21 1/4.

In Breweries, Guinness were wanted, but did not change hands at the earlier market, while later on 58, 57 3/4 were the business done quotations, the latter being 1/4 higher on the day. The Pref., however, fell 1/16 to 11 3/8.

Rails were very quiet. Great Southern repeated 17 3/4 for a small lot, and the Guaranteed fell 1/4 to 48, but the Debs. rose 1/4 to 59.

In Trams, Provincial Debs. quoted 70s. for an odd lot.

Alliance Gas Shares repeated 8 1/4.

In Drapery Shares, Walpole Bros. Pref. repeated 80s.

As regards Manufacturing Shares, British-American Tobacco rose 2s. 6d. to 100s., 101s., and Imperials 6d. to 118s. 3d. for cash and 118s. 6d. account. Courtaulds rose 1s. 1 1/2d. to 100s., 100s. 3d.; Coats Ord. 7 1/2d. to 58s. 9d., and Spinners 3d. to 44s. Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref. fell 1 1/2d. to 19s. 7 1/2d., while Vickers repeated 8s. 10 1/2d.

In Trading, etc., Chartered rose 3d. to 29s. and Lafayette Pref. 1s. to 40s.

BUSINESS DONE:

Nat. Loan....(99 3/4)	*99 3/4	Alliance Gas.....(8 1/4)	8 1/4
Compens. Stock..(97)	97	Walpole Debs..(80/-)	80/-
Land Bonds.(89 3/4)	90 1/16	B.A.T....(98/6)	100/- 1/-
5% War Ln.(100 1/4)	100 1/4	Imp. Tob...(118/-)	118/3c 18/6
Land Stk. '21..(68)	67 3/4		
Waterford Stock	58	Coats ....(58/1 1/4)	58/9
National Bank.(21 1/4)	21 1/4	Courtaulds(99/7 1/2)	100/-c 100/3
Guinness....(57 1/2)	58 7 3/4		
Do. Pref.....(11 3/8)	11 3/8	Spinners ......(43/9)	44/-
G.S. Ord.......(17 3/4)	*17 3/4	Lever 7%...(19/9)	19/7 1/2
Do. Guar.........(48)	48	Vickers ...(8/10 1/2)	8/10 1/2
Do. Deb.........(58 3/4)	59	Chartered ......(28/9)	29/-
Provincial Tram Deb. (70/4 1/2)	*70/-	Lafayette Pf.(39/-)	*40/-
		Dunlops....(27/5 1/4)	28/3 8/1 1/2

* Odd lot, a asked, b bid, c cash. (Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS RATE.

Discount	6 p.c. Dec. 3, 1925.
Deposit	2 1/2 p.c. Dec. 3, 1925.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Contango		Jan. 10
Mining ticket		Jan. 11
General ticket	Dec. 29	Jan. 12
Account day	Dec. 30	Jan. 13

BELFAST.

The Exchange commenced the week after the Christmas holidays in very quiet fashion, and without any interesting feature in the dealings. In Government stocks, the 5 per cent. War Loan changed hands at 100 1/16 and 100 1/8. In Bank shares business was recorded in Northern Bank "A" Shares at previous price, 5 1/16. In Industrials business was confined to transactions in Robinson and Cleaver Pref. at 16s., and Dunlop Rubbers at 28s. 3d.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

BURKE (EDWARD AND JOHN).—1/6 per share on Ord. shares (interim), compared with 3/- per share a year ago.

BANK OF FRANCE.—It is announced that the Bank of France dividend for the second half of 1926 has been fixed at 165 francs, for payment as from December 30.

DAILY SKETCH AND *SUNDAY HERALD*.—Profit for the year to June 27, 1926, £182,224, against £208,748. Net profit, after payment of Deb. interest, etc., £80,455, making available, with £69,080 brought forward, £149,535; £48,000 is placed to Deb. Sinking Fund, £26,666 written off Deb. issue expenses, £2,376 placed to Benevolent Fund, leaving to carry forward £72,493.

HOLYROOD RUBBER.—Interim dividend of 12 1/2 per cent. actual on account of the year ending 31st December, 1926. (15 per cent. actual last year.)

HOME AND COLONIAL STORES.—Dividends for current quarter on 6 per cent. Cum. Pref. Shares, 15 per cent. Cum. Pref. Shares and 15 p.c. Cum. Ord. Shares, will be paid on January 1st next.

MONGU NIGERIA TIN MINES.—Interim dividend of 7 1/2 per cent., less tax, on account of the year ending 31st December, 1926. (Same.)

MALAY RUBBER PLANTERS.—Final dividend of 40 per cent., less tax, making 55 per cent. for the year. (Total of 50 per cent. for 1924-25.)

NORTH QUEENSLAND MORTGAGE AND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.—Dividend of 5 per cent. and a bonus of 2 per cent., both less tax, placing £1,000 to reserve and carrying forward £523. The bonus last year was 2 1/2 per cent.

QUEBEC RAILWAY, LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER.—Dividend of $1 per share on Common Shares.

RICHARD WHEEN AND SONS.—Dividend of 2 1/2 per cent., 2/6 per share, on Pref. Shares, less tax.

TANAH DATAR RUBBER ESTATE.—Interim dividend of 10 per cent. actual on account of the year ending 31st December, 1926 (15 per cent. actual last year.)

UNITED SERVICE TRANSPORT.—Dividend of 8 per cent. on Ord. Shares.

YAM SENG RUBBER.—Interim dividend of 15 per cent., 3 3-5d. per share, less tax. This is the second interim on account of 1925-26, making 30 per cent. to date. For 1924-25 there was no interim, but a total of 30 per cent. was paid for the whole year.

TRAFFICS.

Mexican Railway—Increase, $17,400. Midland Railway Company of Western Australia—November increase, £2,099. Canadian Pacific—Decrease, $823,000. Cordoba Central—Increase, £3,000. Great Southern of Spain Railway—Decrease, 57,459 pesetas. Calcutta Tramways—Decrease, Rs.17,275. Anglo-Argentine Tramways—Increase, £1,413. Suez Canal—Increase, 530,000 francs.

NEW CAPITAL ISSUES.

A REVIEW OF 1926.

The story of London's new capital market in 1926 bears surprisingly little trace of the prolonged stoppage in the coal-mining industry, which interfered so disastrously with so many phases of the economic life of the country. It might have been expected that the trade depression forced on the country by this dispute and the general industrial uneasiness caused by it throughout so large a part of the year would have discouraged domestic enterprise and caused home borrowers to fight shy of new commitments in the shape of fresh issues. In the figures presented below little sign of this is to be found (writes the *Daily Telegraph*). Indeed, domestic borrowings for general purposes (leaving Government operations out of the reckoning for the moment) were on a scale quite as high as that of the previous year, 1925, which, even if it was not a period of great prosperity, was, in any case, not victimised by outstanding industrial troubles. The total of new capital raised in London in 1926 was £225,000,000, against £184,000,000 in 1925 (British Government issues being excluded in both cases). In 1924 the comparable figure was £195,000,000, and in 1923 £195,500,000. London's lendings in 1926 and 1925 are analysed below under a number of principal categories:—

	1925. £ millions.	1926. £ millions.
British Government	114.5	4.7
Dominions and Colonial Governments	30.7	31.8
Foreign Governments	Nil.	25.8
British Municipalities	21.3	41.8
Colonial Municipalities	2.5	1.1
Foreign Municipalities	1.3	6.2
Foreign Railways	5.3	8.2
Home Railways	20.1	Nil
Mines	3.8	3.8
Banks and Insurance Companies	3.2	1.5
Iron, Coal, Steel and Engineering Industries	4.0	4.9
Trading, stores, shops, etc.	1.1	7.3
Rubber and oil	16.4	6.2
Gas, light, water, etc.	3.0	0.3
Catering, hotels, amusements, etc.	0.6	0.5
Shipping, docks, etc.	2.2	5.6
Financial trusts, exploration, etc.	13.9	22.9
Manufacturing and miscellaneous	54.7	59.4
	298.6	229.9

The figures relating to British Government borrowings require explanation. The above figures represent more or less long-term borrowings, and such temporary borrowings as Treasury bills and ways and means advances are not included. The 1926 British Government total of £4,700,000 is made up of £4,516,800 Four per Cent. Treasury Bonds due 1935, and an excess of £150,000 of sales over encashments of National Savings Certificates. Towards the end of the year encashments of these certificates week after week began to exceed fresh sales, thanks, no doubt, in part to the fact that the ten years' period since their inception has closed. But when the widespread effects of the coal stoppage are remembered it is, perhaps, satisfactory that new sales have for the full year exceeded withdrawals at all. At the end of September the Treasury issued a plan of conversion for Five per Cent. Treasury Bonds maturing in February next, and under this plan £82,700,000 of these bonds have been converted into Four and a Half per Cent. Treasury Bonds falling due in 1934. As this was a conversion operation pure and simple, and no new money was put up, our statistical calculations take no account of this figure. In 1925 the large total under the heading of British Government in the above table was made up largely by conversion operations, in which, however, new money was asked for and raised.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—30.

Foreign Arrivals.—Ss. Theano, of Rotterdam, 368 tons register (Captain Onnes), from Rotterdam, with general cargo, discharged at Transit Sheds, North Wall Extension, and proceeded to Belfast with part cargo; Atalanta, of Glasgow, 319 tons register (Captain Martin), from Rouen, with a cargo of cement, discharging at City quay; San Roberto, of London, 3,611 tons register (Captain Chievers), from New Orleans, via Stanlow, with a cargo of motor spirit, discharging at Alexandra Wharf, Alexandra Basin.

Coastwise Arrivals.—Ss. Lady Limerick, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Maple, from Glasgow, with passengers and goods; Slieve Donard, Slieve Gallion, from Holyhead, with goods; Staffa, from Barrow, with oil; Plasma, from Ayr, with coals; Point of Ayr, from Point of Aire, with coals.

Foreign Departure.—Ss. Ulva, of Glasgow, 840 tons register (Captain Rattray), for Glasgow, with part cargo (general).

Coastwise Departures.—Ss. Lady Limerick, for Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Maple, for Glasgow, with passengers and goods; Olive, for Heysham, with passengers and goods; Slieve Donard, Slieve Gallion, for Holyhead, with goods; Patricia, for Cardiff, with goods; Lady Brussels, for Birkenhead, with live stock; Carrowdore, for London, with porter; Glencullen, for Partington, light; Cornelian, for Ayr, light.

IRISH RAILWAY TRAFFICS.

	Last Week. +Inc. or —Dec. £		Total 51 Weeks. +Inc. or —Dec. £	
Gt. Southern	79,153	+10,920*	4,139,995	— 71,718
Gt. Northern	33,700	— 400	1,893,850	—177,530
Co. Down	3,231	— 711	191,459	— 60,366

NOTE.—The Great Southern increase—the largest since the amalgamation—consisted of £1,145 from passengers and £9,775 from goods. *Corresponding week last year included Christmas Day.

George James, a collier, employed at Glenavon Colliery, Blaengarw, Glamorgan, was killed by a fall of roof at the colliery yesterday—his 34th birthday. He was a native of Birmingham.

THE MONEY MARKET.

LOANS MORE STRINGENT.

Preparations for the expected squeeze for money on the last day of the year were in evidence yesterday, and a large amount was borrowed from the Bank of England, which institution also discounted a few bills for the market. Loans into the new year commanded 4 1/2 up to 5 p.c., but day-to-day money was fairly plentiful at 3 3/4 down to 3 1/2 p.c., fixtures being renewed at 4 p.c. Discount business was quiet, with rates unchanged. Fine three months' bills were quoted at 4 3/4 to 4 13/16 p.c., and the new Treasuries were changing hands around the latter figure.

Bank Rate Discount (changed December 2, 1925), 5%

60 days (fine)	4 1/2	4 11/16 %		
3 months "	4 1/2	4 13/16 %	Trade ... 5	5 1/2 %
4 " "	4 1/2	4 13/16 %	" ... 5 1/4	5 1/2 %
6 " "	4 1/2	4 13/16 %	" ... 5 1/2	6 %
Loans to Brokers Day-to-day			4	3 1/2 %
" " for a Week			5	4 1/2 %
Deposit Allowance: Banks at Call			3	%
" " Discount Houses at Call			3	%
" " " at Notice			3 1/4	%

The Bank of England announced the sale of £200,000 of bar gold. The silver market was firm, both the spot and forward price advancing 1/16 to 24 11/16 and 24 5/8 per ounce, respectively, on Indian buying, coupled with small offerings. The market price of gold remained at 84s. 11 1/2d. per fine ounce.

The American Exchange rose 1/16 to within 1/16 of 4.85 1/2, and the Montreal rate rose to 4.85 3/4. Among South American currencies, there was some improvement in Brazilian milreis and Uruguayan dollars. French francs finished unaltered at 122.45. Pesetas were a little cheaper, and the currencies of Hungary, Austria, Norway, Finland, Greece, and Rumania showed some depreciation. Italian lire were better at under 107 1/4, and, to a moderate extent, Belgium, Switzerland, Holland, and Denmark moved against us. Among the Eastern exchanges, rupees were firm at 1s. 6 1/16d. for both Calcutta and Bombay, and the yen was a shade harder at 2s. 0 1/16d.

—	Dec. 28 Closing Rates		Dec. 24 Closing Rates		Par Rate
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2	12.12 3/4	12.13 1/8	12.13 3/8	12.10
B. Ayres	46 1/2	46 1/16	46 1/16	46 9/16	47 5/8d.
Barcelona	31.73	31.75	31.80	31.85	25.22 1/2
Berlin	20.36	20.37	20.36 1/2	20.37	20.43*
Brussels	34.88 1/2	34.89	34.88 1/2	34.89 1/2	35.00
Calcutta	1/6 1/32	1/6 1/16	1/5 15/16	1/5 31/32	2/0
Copenhagen	18.19	18.20	18.20 1/2	18.21	18.159
Geneva	25.08 1/2	25.09 1/2	25.09 1/2	25.10	25.22 1/2
Greece	390	392	386	391	25.22 1/2
Helsingfors	192.60	192.80	192.50	192.60	193.23
Italy	107 1/8	107 1/2	107 1/4	107 1/2	25.22 1/2
Kobe (p.yn.)	2/0 1/16	2/0 1/4	2/0 1/8	2/0 1/16	24.58d.
Montreal	4.85 3/4	4.86	4.85 5/8	4.85 3/4	4.86 2/3
Montevideo	50 1/4d.	50 3/4d.	50 1/8d.	50 1/2d.	51d.
New York	4.85 7/16	4.85 1/2	4.85 5/16	4.85 3/8	4.86 2/3
Oslo	19.16	19.19	19.14	19.16	18.159
Paris	122.40	122.50	122.45	122.50	25.22 1/2
Prague	163 7/8	164 1/8	163 7/8	164	24.02
Rio de Jan.	5 27/32	5 29/32	5 13/16	5 7/8	27d.
Shanghai	2/5 1/8	2/5 3/8	2/4 3/4	2/5 1/4	—
Singapore	2/3 3/4	2/3 7/8	2/3 3/4	2/3 7/8	2/4
Stockholm	18.15	18.15 1/2	18.15	18.15 1/2	18.16
Vienna	34.37	34.42	34.35	34.40	34.58 1/2
Warsaw	42	45	42	45	25.22 1/2

* Belga.

THE HOUSE OF PEERS.

NOTABLE CHANGES IN 1926.

There have been many notable changes in the House of Lords during the past year, writes a special correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*. Only four new peerages have, however, been created, a somewhat smaller total than usual, the recipients being Sir Ernest Pollock, Master of the Rolls, who has become Lord Hanworth; Mr. Henry Seymour Berry, now Lord Buckland; and Lord Justice Warrington, who received the distinction of Lord Warrington of Clyffe on retiring from the Court of Appeal. The fourth was Lord Oranmore and Browne, an Irish representative peer, upon whom a peerage of the United Kingdom was bestowed as Lord Mereworth. There was, however, a further addition—the Viscounty of Bolingbroke and St. John being called out of abeyance in favour of Vernon Henry St. John.

But it must be noted that there were three accessions to the House consequent on the death of three peeresses in their own right. Lady Strathcona and Mount Royal died early in the year and was succeeded by her son, Captain Donald Howard, who sat in the Commons as member for North Cumberland. On the death of the Countess of Yarborough, who was in her own right Lady Fauconberg and Conyers, these latter titles were taken by her son, Captain Lord Worsley, heir to the Earldom of Yarborough, so that in this case father and son may sit in the Lords together. In the third case the Countess of Cromartie was succeeded by her son, Viscount Tarbat. Thus the United Kingdom peers with seats in the Lords were increased by seven.

PEERS ADVANCED.

On completing his term of office as Viceroy of India the Earl of Reading was advanced to the dignity of a marquis. Four other peers were advanced to the rank of viscount, these being Lord D'Abernon on retirement from the office of Ambassador at Berlin; Lord Dunedin, a Lord of Appeal; Lord Tredegar, and Lord Byng of Vimy when he completed his term of service as Governor-General of Canada.

On the other hand, no fewer than nineteen peers have died, these being Lord Chilston, well remembered as Mr. Akers Douglas, Chief Unionist Whip for ten years in the House of Commons; Lord Carmichael, who had been Governor of Victoria, Madras, and Bengal; Lord Channing, the Earl of Gainsborough, Lord Stuart of Wortley, a former member of Unionist Governments; Lord Carew, the Earl of Wharncliffe, Lord Stevenson, the Earl of Dunraven, Earl Manvers, Lord Eldon, Lord Burgh, Lord Lyell, Lord Melville, Lord Hothfield, Lord Norton, and Lord Emmott, who as Mr. Alfred Emmott was Deputy-Speaker and Chairman of Committees in the House of Commons for several years. The sixth Earl of Chichester died on November 14, and was succeeded by his son, who died eight days later, and was in turn succeeded by his brother.

EXTINCT TITLES.

Five of these peers left no heirs, so that their titles become extinct—Lord Carmichael, Lord Channing, Lord Stuart of Wortley, Lord Stevenson, and Lord Emmott. The Earl of Dunraven, who sat in the House by the United Kingdom title of Baron Kenry, was succeeded in his Irish titles only by his cousin, Colonel W. H. Wyndham Quin, the Barony of Kenry becoming extinct. Six titles, therefore, pass from the roll of United Kingdom peers.

Three of the peers who died are succeeded by minors—Lord Burgh, born on May 17, 1906; Lord Lyell, June 14, 1913; and the Earl of Chichester, June 12, 1912. Two other peers come of age next year—the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, on March 2, and the Earl of Feversham, on November 2.

THE LORDS SPIRITUAL.

There have been several changes among the lords spiritual. In January Dr. B. O. F. Heywood was appointed to succeed Dr. Sir Edwyn Hoskyns as Bishop of Southwell, and as one result of the change Dr. David, Bishop of Liverpool, became entitled by seniority of consecration to a seat in the Lords. Within the last few weeks Dr. Bardsley, Bishop of Peterborough, was appointed bishop of the new diocese of Leicester, and Dr. P. M. Herbert, Bishop of Kingston, became first Bishop of Blackburn. There are now thirteen bishops without seats in the House of Lords.

As a result of all the changes the roll of the peers was increased by one during the year. Allowing for minors and two vacancies among Irish representative peers, the effective voting strength of the House now stands at 720.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

WAR OFFICE, *December* 28, 1926.

REGULAR FORCES—COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.—Captain F. E. Fryer to be Major, with regimental seniority.

INFANTRY.

Northumberland Fusiliers.—Captain and Brevet-Major T. J. Carroll-Leahy, D.S.O., M.C., restored to the establishment.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.—The undermentioned, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Reserve of Officers:—Major A. Shattock, Captain F. C. Collins, M.C.

CAVALRY.

4th Hussars.—Quartermaster and Captain G. Burrell retires on retired pay on attaining the age limit for retirement. Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant William Penney to be Quartermaster, with the rank of Lieutenant.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

AIR MINISTRY, *December* 28, 1926.

ROYAL AIR FORCE—GENERAL DUTIES' BRANCH.

The undermentioned Pilot Officers are promoted to the rank of Flying Officer:—J. A. Tyndall, G. Bourke Collet, William James Kelly, B. B. Dowling, B. E. Moody.

The undermentioned is transferred to the Reserve, Class B.—Flight-Lieutenant Maurice Ballard.

Reserve of Air Force Officers.—The undermentioned is confirmed in rank:—Pilot Officer—Reginald Arthur Kendrick.

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CHIFFON VELVET.

A special offer of this Rich Soft Draping Quality for Wraps and Frocks, 39 inches wide. Worth 10/11 per yard. Bargain Price 8/3

FANCY OTTOMAN SILK.

New design in beautiful Quality for Coats, 38 inches wide. Usual Price, 8/11 per yard. Sale Price 5/9

Astounding offer of Charmeuse Satin, extra heavy quality, crepe back, with soft draping finish. Regular Price, 12/6 per yard. Clearing Sale Price 8/11

COLOURED SILKS. JAP SCHAPPE.

A serviceable hard-wearing and and perfect Washing Silk for Frocks, Underwear, Jumpers and Blouses, a heavy quality, in the natural colour only, 30 inches wide. Clearing at, per yard... 2/11

CREPE MAROCAIN.

Rich Quality. Colours—Beige, Almond, Cinnamon, Saxe, Mauve, Wine, Grey, Gold, Pink, Putty, Navy and Black. Double width. Usually 5/11 per yard. Sale Price... 4/6

FRENCH CREPE-DE-CHENE.

A heavy quality all Pure Silk, in full range of colours, including Ivory, Pink, Sky, Coral, Mauve, Cyclamen, Jade, Rose, Grey, Fawn, Mole, Cinnamon, Beige, Navy and Black. 40 inches wide. Regular Price, 10/6 per yard. Sale Price 7/11

CREPE GEORGETTE.

The fashionable fabric for evening wear. Colours—Mauve, Eau-de-Nile, Cerise, Fuschia, Saxe, Rose, Electric, Browns, Wine, Carbon and Black; 38 inches wide. Worth 5/11 per yard. Clearing at.... 4/8

All Remnants and Oddments of Silk will be shown on Silk Counter and marked down to REMARKABLY LOW PRICES TO CLEAR.

Lace Curtains, &c.

Exceptional Offer wide-mesh Filet Net, superior quality, in Ivory, 54" wide. Regular price per yard, 2/3. Sale Price per yard... 1/9

Curtain Net, heavy quality, will wash and wear well, 60" wide. Regular price per yard, 1/11. Sale Price per yard 1/6

Exceptional Offer—Lace Curtains, superior quality 3½ yards long, 60" wide. Regular price, per pair, 13/6. Sale Price per pair...... 9/11

Another Great Curtain Bargain—An odd lot, cannot be repeated, floral design, 3½ yards long, Ivory. Regular price per pair, 16/11. Sale Price per pair ... 12/6

Special Clearing lot of good Nottingham Lace Curtains, floral design, 3 yards long. Regular price per pair, 7/6. Sale Price per pair...... 4/11

Ribbon Department.

4½ inches wide Black Taffeta Ribbon, suitable for Sashes, etc. Regular price, 1/6. Sale Price, per yard ... 11½D.

Lingerie Ribbon in Plain and Pretty Self Colour Designs, various widths, in Ivory, Pink, Sky, Mauve, and Yellow. Sale Prices, 6d., 4½d., 3d., and 2D.

All Remnants and Oddments in Ribbons will be shown in Baskets on the Counter, and Marked Down to practically Half Price.

Flannel Department.

All Wool Shirting, shrunk, in neat stripes, for men's Shirts, superior quality. Regular price, per yard, 3/3. Sale per yard 2/6

Pyjama Flannel, best quality, all wool, shrunk, 36" wide. Regular price per yard, 4/11. Sale Price per yard 4/3

Cream Wincey, soft finish, will wash and wear well. Special value. 40" wide. Regular price per yard, 2/3. Sale Price per yard 1/9

Exceptional Offer—Wool Ripple Cloth for Dressing Gowns, in shades of Saxe, Mauve, and Cardinal, 54" wide. Regular price per yard, 5/11. Sale Price per yard... 4/11

Blanket Department.

Woollen Blankets, in whipped singles; single bed size. Usual price, per pair, 24/-. Sale Price, per pair ... 18/6

All Wool Blankets, in whipped singles, superior quality; single bed size. Usual price, per pair, 27/-. Sale Price, per pair 21/-

All Wool Blankets, in whipped singles, superfine quality; double bed size. Usual price, per pair, 49/6. Sale Price, per pair 42/-

Down Quilts, in fancy Cambric, floral designs; single bed size. Usual price, each, 24/-. Sale Price, each 18/6

Same Quilt, double bed size. Usual price, each, 29/6. Sale Price, each 24/-

Under Blankets, in a variety of colours, and good quality. Usual price, each, 3/9 Sale Price, each 2/5

Boot and Shoe Dept.

Genuine Offer of Ladies' Real Willow Calf, 1 bar, smart toe and leather heel. Sizes 3 to 7. Regular price, 17/6. Sale Price 14/6

Two Special Lines in Ladies' Good Quality Footwear—Real Willow Calf and Real Patent Calf, 1 bar, with toe cap; all leather heel. Sizes 3 to 7 and half sizes. Regular price, 21/-. Sale Price 16/6

Special Offer of Ladies' Satin Shoes, cut out quarters and semi-Louis heel. Sizes 3 to 7. Sale Price 8/11

Men's Willow Calf Oxford Shoe, smart toe, welted as handsewn. Sizes and half sizes. Regular price, 30/-. Sale Price 22/6

Ladies' Fine Grade Glace Kid. 1 bar, smart toe and heel. Sizes 3 to 7. Regular price, 15/6. Sale Price ... 12/6

Men's Real Box Calf Derby Shoe, welted, waterproof sole, full fitting; just the shoe for damp weather. All sizes. Regular price, 25/-. Sale Price 21/-

Gentlemen's Shirt Department.

Gentlemen's Tunic Shirts, fast colours, best finish. Neat and new designs. Regular price, 7/6. Sale Price ... 4/11

Gentlemen's Heavy Ceylonese Day Shirts, made of best wearing warm material; fast colours. Regular Price, 7/11 Sale Price 6/6

Gentlemen's All-Wool Flannel Day Shirts, a comfortable and warm garment for this season. Regular Price, 16/6. Sale Price 12/11

Gentlemen's Flanelette Night Shirts, full size, best finish. Regular price, 7/11. Sale Price 5/11

Gentlemen's All-Wool Flannel Night Shirts a very comfortable garment for cold winter wear. Regular Price, 25/6. Sale Price 19/6

Gentlemen's Twill Calico Night Shirts, best finish. Regular Price, 8/6. Sale Price 6/11

Gentlemen's White Dress Shirts, stiff fronts and cuffs, a luxury to wear. Regular Price, 10/11. Sale Price 8/6

Gentlemen's White Dress Shirts, pleated fronts, best finish, perfect fitting. Regular Price, 10/11 and 12/6. Sale Price 8/11

Gentlemen's Ties, wide ends, newest designs. Regular Price, 2/11. Sale Price... 1/11

Gentlemen's Collars, stiff, double shape. Regular Price, 9/- per dozen. Sale Price 6/11

Gentlemen's Winceyette Pyjama Suits, nice Coloured Stripes, good washing colours. Regular Price, 7/11. Sale Price 5/11

Gentlemen's Heavy Ceylonese Pyjama Suits, best finish; a soft, reliable, good wearing garment. Regular Price, 10/11 per suit. Sale Price 8/11

Gentlemen's All-Wool Pyjamas, warm for winter wear, fast colours. Regular Price, 27/6 per suit. Sale Price 22/6

Gent's Hosiery Dept.

Gent's Natural Pure Wool Undervests, winter weight (Irish manufacture); men's size only. Regular price, 9/6. Sale Price, each 7/11

Pants, same quality. Sale Price 8/6

Gent's All-wool Cashmere Socks, seamless, in Grey, Tan, Fawn, and Putty. Regular price, 1/11. Sale Price, per pair ... 1/4½

Gent's Ribbed Pure Wool Cashmere Socks, special value, warm quality, in Navy, Putty, and Fawn. Regular price, 2/6. Sale Price, per pair 1/11

Gent's Fancy Socks, slightly imperfect, in fashionable colours and nice patterns. Worth 2/6. Sale Price, per pair 1/9

GENT'S HOSIERY (Continued).

Gent's Heavy Fancy Ribbed Socks—mixture of wool and mercerised—in pretty Marl Mixtures, light shades; splendid wearing quality. Regular price, 2/6. Sale Price, per pair ... 1/11

Ladies' Hosiery

Ladies' Pure Wool Black Cashmere Stockings, perfectly seamless. Regular price, 2/6. Sale Price, per pair 1/11

Ladies' Pure Wool Broad Ribbed Cashmere Stockings, in Shoe Grey, Muffin, Tan and Black. Regular price, 2/11. Sale Price, per pair ... 2/3

Ladies' Artificial Silk Stockings, heavy quality (seconds), in Champagne, Nude, and Black. Worth 2/6. Sale Price, per pair ... 1/4½

Ladies' Marl Mixture Stockings, "Ceifeet," in Nigger/White, also Tan/White. Regular price, 2/6. Sale Price, per pair 1/10½

Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Cream Cotton Chemise Vests, shaped waist, V neck, 38 inches long. Regular price, 2/3. Sale Price, each ... 1/9½

Ladies' Merino Finish Combinations, winter weight, V neck, and short sleeves; women's size only. Regular price, 4/11. Sale Price 3/11

All Jumpers and Cardigans substantially reduced.

Glove Department.

Ladies' Tan Doeskin Gloves, pull-on gauntlets. Regular price, 8/6 per pair. Sale Price 5/11

Ladies' Gloves, mixed lot, best makers' goods, lovely skins; all reliable. Regular Price, 10/6 and 8/11 per pair. Sale Price 4/11

Ladies' 2-Button and 2-Dome Brown and Grey Mocha Gloves. Perfect fitting. Regular price, 7/6 per pair. Sale Price 5/6

Ladies' 2-Dome Pique Leather Gloves, nice shade of Tan. Specially recommended for wear. Regular Price, 7/6 per pair. Sale Price 5/11

Mixed lot of Ladies' Grey and Brown Suede Gloves. Regular Price, 4/11 and 5/6 per pair. Sale Price 3/6

Ladies' Beaver and Grey Woollen Gloves, fancy gauntlets. Regular Price, 2/11 and 3/6 per pair. Sale Price 1/11

Ladies' 1-Dome Tan Nappa Gloves, lined wool, fur top. Regular price, 9/6. Sale Price, per pair 6/11

Boys' Heather and Grey Woollen Gloves, pull-on. Sizes 3 to 7. Regular Price, 1/11 per pair. Sale Price 1/3

Gentlemen's Tan Nappa Gloves, recommended for wear. Regular Price, 7/6 per pair. Sale Price 5/11

Getlemen's Heather and Grey Woollen Gloves, leather bound. Regular Price, 2/11 per pair. Sale Price 2/3

Gent's Coloured Handkerchiefs, in charming patterns; extra large size. Usual price, each, 1/4. Sale Price, each ...... 9½D.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs—Lot 1—About 250 doz. of very exceptional quality linen weft, coloured borders. Worth 7½d. to 1/- each. Clearing during sale at 2½d. to 5½d. each.

Handkerchief Dept.

Ladies' Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs. Usual price, each, 9d. Sale Price, each ...... 6½D.

Ladies' Hemstitched Irish Linen Handkerchiefs. Usual price, each, 6d. Sale Price, each ...... 4½D.

Gent's Hemstitched Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, special value. Usual price, each, 1/2. Sale Price, each ...... 10D.

Gent's Handkerchiefs—Lot 2—In Pure Irish Linen and Hemstitched, slightly imperfect. These goods are worth 2/6 each. Clearing during sale at, each ...... 8½D.

Furniture Dept.

Bedroom Suite—Satin or Dark Walnut, 3 pieces, all 3ft. wide. Usual price, £16 10 0. Sale Price £13 10 0

Bedroom Suite—Solid Mahogany, Inlaid, 4ft. wide; Oval Mirrors in Wardrobe and Dressing Table. Usual price, £32 0 0. Sale Price, the Suite ... £27 10 0

Inlaid Mahogany Bed to match Suite, with wire and pure hair mattress. Usual price, £13 13 0. Sale ... £10 15 0

Chesterfield Suites, 3 pieces, covered in good class tapestry, spring fronts and spring seats. Usual price, £16 10 0. Sale £14 0 0

Inlaid Mahogany China Cabinets, 95/-, 105/-, 120/-. Oval Mirrors, Mahogany or Gilt Frames, 60/-, 50/-, 45/-, and 30/-

Easy Chairs, covered in good class tapestry, spring seats, very comfortable. Usual price, 63/-. Sale 52/6

Antique Copper Kerbs, with upholstered seats. Usual price, 32/6. Sale 26/6

Brass and Iron Bedsteads, heavy make, 6' 6" x 4' 6". Usual price, 42/-. Sale 35/-

Bookcases, Bureaus, Hallstands, Dining Tables, Coal Boxes, at Special Sale Prices.

Our Leading Line—Solid Oak Bedstead, 3ft., with Wire and Hair Mattress, Feather Bolster and Pillow, complete. Usual price, £7 7s. 0d. Sale Price £5 19/6

Woollen Cloth Dept.

56 inch Irish Suitings. Regular price, 12/6. Sale Price, 8/6

56 inch Irish Super Suitings. Regular price, 15/-. Sale Price 11/6

56 inch Cheviot Suitings. Regular price, 10/6. Sale Price 6/11

56 inch Black or Blue Vicunas. Regular price, 9/-. Sale Price 5/11

56 inch Irish "Thornproof" Suitings. Regular price, 14/6. Sale Price 11/6

56 inch Cheviot Suitings. Regular price, 8/6. Sale Price 4/11

56 inch Indigo Blue Serge. Regular price, 12/6. Sale Price 8/11

Trousers Pressers, 12/6, 18/6, 25/- and 30/-.

Hat Department.

Soft Felt Hats, Snap Brims. Regular Price, 10/6. Sale Price 6/11

Hard Felt Hats, New Shape. Regular Price, 14/6. Sale Price 10/6

Soft Felt Hats, Latest Colours. Regular Price, 16/6. Sale Price 12/6

Hard Felt Hats, "The Prince." Regular Price, 25/-. Sale Price 17/6

Boys' Eton Caps, piped seams. Regular Price, 2/-. Sale Price 1/3

Men's Golf Caps. Regular Price, 3/6. Sale Price 2/6

Boys' Blue Eton Caps. Regular Price, 2/11. Sale Price 2/3

Men's Golf Caps. Regular Price, 4/6. Sale Price 3/6

Ladies' Outfitting

30 dozen Women's Woven Fleecy-lined Knickers, elastic waist and knee. Usual Price, 1/11. Sale Price 1/3
Three Pairs for 3/6.

40 dozen Women's Heavy and Medium-weight Knickers, fleecy lined. Usual Price, 2/11. Sale Price ... 1/11

Bargain Lot of Ladies' Cream and stripe Flannelette Chemises, trimmed lace and self. Usual Price, 3/6. Sale Price 2/6

20 dozen Women's Cream Winceyette Nightgowns, banded contrasting colours, and embroidered. Usual Price, 5/11. Sale Price 3/11

Ladies' good quality Cream Winceyette Nightgown, high neck, with collar and long sleeve. Usual Price, 8/11. Sale Price ... 5/11

Ladies' Rameses Nightgown, slip-on shape, and buttoned, long and short sleeves. Usual Price, 9/11, 15/6, 18/6. Sale, 15/6, 12/11 and 7/11

Smart Corselette in Pink, with four suspenders. Sale Price 7/11

Ladies' Ripple Cloth Dressing Gowns. Usual Price, 16/6, 18/6 to 29/-. Sale Price, 16/6, 14/6... 12/6

Haberdashery Dept.

Boys' and Girls' Mohair Boot Laces, full length, extra strong. Ordinary price, 7½d. doz. Sale Price ...... 4½D.

Ladies' Stocking Suspenders, silk finish, elastic rubber grip. Usual price, 1/- per pair. Sale Price ...... 9D.

Fancy Cushions, round and square shape, well filled, full size. Were 6/6 and 7/6 each. Sale Price 5/6

Tea Cosies, nicely embroidered, good sizes, slightly soiled. Were 6/11 to 10/6 each. Sale Price, to clear, 2/11

Books Linen Buttons, plain and 2 hole, assorted sizes, best covering. Sale Price, per book ...... 10½D.

Bundles Tape, made up in 1 doz. pieces, assorted widths. Usual price, 10½d. per bundle. Sale Price per bundle 8½D.

Cosie Pads, large size, well filled. Usual price, 2/6 each. Sale Price 1/11

Carpet Department.

Special Clearing Lot of Seamless Axminster Carpets, good designs and colours. We give a few sizes and prices as follows: Size, 3½ yards x 3 yards. Usual price, £9 15s. 0d. Sale Price 139/-

Size, 4 yards x 3 yards. Usual price, £10 10s. 0d. Sale Price £7 19 0

Size, 4 yards x 3½ yards. Usual price, £11 11s. 0d. Sale Price £8 19 0

Clearing Line of Tapestry Carpets, suitable for hard wear. Size, 3 yards x 2½. Usual price, 69/6. Sale Price 39/-

Size 4 yards x 3 yards. Usual price, 119/-. Sale Price 79/-

Special Lot of Hair Stair Carpets. Width, 18 ins. and 22½ ins. Usual price, 3/6 yard and 4/3. Sale Price, 2/11 yard and 2/6

Reversible Wool Rugs, fancy colours. Size, 54 ins. x 27 ins. Usual price, 16/9. Sale Price 12/11

Cork Linoleum Squares, in good Carpet patterns. Sizes, 3 yards x 2½ yards. Usual price, 42/6. Sale Price 30/-

Size, 3½ x 3 yards. Usual price, 59/6. Sale Price 40/-

Size, 4 yards x 3 yards. Usual price, 65/-. Sale Price 50/-

Large stock of Cork Linoleum, in Carpet and Tile patterns. Width, 72 ins. Usual price, 6/11 yard. Sale Price 5/9

Damask Department.

100 Pieces of Washing Cretonne. Width, 31 ins. Usual price, 1/6 per yard. Sale Price 1/-

Special Lot of Shadow Tissue, suitable for loose covers. Width 31 ins. Usual price, 3/6 yard. Sale Price 2/6

Clearing Line of Art Serge. Colours: Red, Green, Blue and Gold. Width, 50 ins. Usual price, 4/9 yard. Sale Price 3/3
72 ins., 4/6 yard.

The Remaining Lot of Fadeless Chenille Curtains; Blue, Green, Pink and Grey. Usual price, 90/- per pair. Sale Price 70/-

Special Clearing Lot of Cream Casement Cloth, guaranteed pure. Width, 50 ins. Usual price, 2/9 yard. Sale Price 1/9

Window Blinds made to order by expert workmen at lowest Sale Prices.

Hardware Department

The Overhead Kitchen Clothes Airer, complete with fittings, as illustrated. Size, 8ft. long. Sale Price 7/6

Kitchen Fire Guards, a necessity in every household. Sale Prices—36" 39" 42" 45" 48" long. 5/3 6/- 6/9 7/6 8/3.

Hair Sweeping Broom Heads. Sale Prices, 5/6, 4/6, 4/-. 3/6

Fibre Sweeping Broom Heads. Special Value. Sale Price, each 1/-

Whisk Bannister Brushes. Job Lot to Clear. Sale Price, each ...... 9D.

Whisk Carpet Twigs. Sale Prices, 2/- and... 1/6

Special Sale Reductions in China and Glass, of which we hold a comprehensive stock of all kinds.

Toys remaining over from our Xmas Bazaar will be sold at Half-price.

Trunks, Suit Cases and Fancy Dept.

Leather Attache Cases, guaranteed Cow Hide. Size 14in. Sale Price 10/6

Fibre Suit Cases, very strong and light. Size 26in. Sale Price 10/6

Ladies' Hat Cases, new style. Sale Price 9/-

Purse and Handkerchief Bags, latest shape and in a variety of colourings. Lizard, Crocodile, Morocco. Sale Price, 5/11

Gent's Leather Suit Case. 26 inch. Sale Price ... 39/6

Table Knives, finest quality stainless steel. Sale Price, per half dozen. 14/6

Motor Sponges, large size. Sale Price, each 1/-

Polishing Cloths for Motors, large size. Sale Price, 1/-

Large Chamois Leathers. Sale Price 3/11

Some Wonderful Value in Framed Pictures, copies from National Art Gallery. Size 30 x 24. Sale Price, 10/6

Perambulators and Go Cars at specially reduced price; 3-ply wood, cabin trunk, covered in brown canvas. Sale Price 16/6

Costumes.

Tweed Costumes in Grey and Heather Mixtures, double-breasted style. Usual price, 105/-. Sale Price. 69/6

Two-Piece Costumes in Coloured Repps. Usual Price, 168/- and 136/6. Sale Price, 126/-, and 94/6

Plain Tailored Costumes in Gabardine and Repp. Colours: Navy, Tan, Nigger, and Black. Usual price, 189/- and 168/-. Sale Price, 136/6 and 115/6

Velveteen Frocks in Navy, Tan, and Mole. Sale Price 16/6

Coloured Coat Frocks, beautifully embroidered. Usual price, 136/6, 105/-, 84/-. Sale Price, 84/-, 49/6, and 27/6

Evening Frocks and Beaded Tunics, in all colours. Usual price, 115/6 and 94/6. Sale Price, 69/6, and 52/6

Black and Coloured Afternoon Frocks Selling at Tempting Prices.

Maids' Department.

Maids' Coats, Size 7, 8 and 9. Latest styles and newest shades, in Light and Dark Fuschia, Bois-de-Rose, Cinnamon, Navy, and Black, trimmed Fur Collar. 67/6 to 5 Gns. Sale Price 90/- to 59/11

Girls' Coats, from 24" to 45", in Mauve, Fuschia, and Bois-de-Rose, 39/11 to 59/11. Sale Price, 53/6 to 35/-

Girls' Navy Nap Coats, with adaptable collar, from 24" to 45", 25/6 to 42/-. Sale Price, 37/6 to 21/-

Superior Quality Nap Coats, from 24" at 39/6 to 45" at 57/6. Sale Price, 49/11 to 35/-

Light Fawn Covert Coating Coats, from 27" at 39/6 to 42" at 63/-. (Tailor made). Sale Price, 57/- to 35/6

Gym. Frocks, best quality, from 22" at 12/11 to 42" at 35/11. Sale Price, 32/- to 10/6

Also Navy Kilts, from 24" at 14/6 to 39" 29/11. Sale Price. 25/11 and 11/11

A large assortment of Frocks in Repp, Gaberdine and Serge, assorted colours and sizes, clearing at bargain prices, also a nice variety of Cardigans, from size 2 to 6. "Exceptional Value."

20 doz. Children's Warm Lined Knickers, 12 to 22 ins. Colours—Saxe, Navy and Grey. Usual Price, 1/9 per pair. Sale Price, 1/-

Mantle Department.

Fur trimmed Coats in Velour Cloth, with pleated sides, in Parma, Beige, Grey, Saxe, and Navy. Usual price, 79/6 and 94/6. Sale Price 55/-

Black Blanket Cloth Coats, trimmed coloured stitching. Sale Price 19/6

Showerproof Tweed Coats, plain and belted styles, in all shades. Usual price, 65/- and 90/-. Sale Price, 69/6 and 42/-

Plain tailored Velour Coats, double breasted style. Usual price, £6 19/6 and 105/-. Sale Price, 105 and 73/6

Model Coats selling at less than cost.

Fur Department

Short Black and Beaver Coney Fur Coats. Usual price, 12 and 14 gns. Sale Price, 10 and 8 GNS.

Choker Ties in Marten, Opossum. Usual price, 35/-. Sale Price 27/6

Two Skin Sable Fitch Chokers. Usual price, £5 19/6. Sale Price... 94/6

Skunk and Cross Fox Ties greatly reduced.

Lace Dept

Dark Navy and Black Ground Repp Blouses, adaptable collars, 14" and 14½". Original price, 5/11. Sale Price ... 4/11

Light Ground "Winceyette" Shirt Blouses, adaptable collars. 14½" only. Original price, 4/11. Sale Price 3/3

Paisley design, dark grounds, Flannelette Shirt Blouses, 15" and 15½". Original price, 5/11. Sale Price 5/3

Cotton Jacquard Repp Jumpers, dark grounds, good designs, long sleeves, 15" and 15½". Original price, 7/11. Sale Price 6/6

Artificial Silk Knitted Scarves, striped and plain effects. Original price, 9/11. Sale Price 6/11

An Assorted Lot Crepe-de-Chine Jumpers, light colours, three-quarter sleeves. Original price, 21/-. Sale Price 12/11

All Oddments Model Crepe-de-Chine and Artificial Silk Jumpers greatly reduced.

Ai. Linen Kitchen, Pantry and Housemaids' Cloths, superior quality; size 24 x 34". Usual price, each, 1/8. Sale Price, each 1/3

Hemstitched Huckaback Towels, soft finish; size 22½ x 36". Usual price, each, 1/10. Sale Price, each 1/6½

Hemmed Huckaback Towels, excellent for hard wear; size 17 x 32". Usual price, each, 11½d. Sale Price, each, 8½D.

Roller Towels, in pure linen; size 16 x 90". Usual price, each, 1/10. Sale Price, each 1/7

Dusters, in fancy checks, nice soft finish. Usual price, each, 6d. Sale Price, each ... 4½D.

Special Offer of Plain Hem Pillow Cases, the world renowned Pyramid make; will give years of hard wear. Sale Price, each 1/-

Plain Hem Pillow Cases, linen finish; a good hard wearing quality. Regular price, each, 1/-. Sale Price, each, 9D.

Exceptional Offer—An Assorted Lot of Lace Frill, Hemstitched, and Frilled Pillow Cases, best linen finish. Were 2/3 and 2/6 each. Sale Price, each 1/6½

Linen Finish Sheeting—Special Offer of our famous Linen Finish Sheeting; best quality, 2¼ yds. wide. Regular price, per yard, 3/3. Sale Price, per yard 2/6

1¼ Yards wide, regular price, 2/3. Sale Price, per yard 1/6

Household Linen Dept

Tablecloths, Snow White, soft finish, excellent for hard wear. Size 68" x 68." Usual price, each, 12/6. Sale Price, each 9/6

Glass Cloths in pure linen and typed Glass. Usual price, each, 1/4½. Sale Price, each, 11D.

Turkish Towels, in pretty fancy stripes, large size, Christy's make. Usual price, each, 2/2. Sale Price, each ... 1/8

Same quality. Size 68" x 86". Usual price, each, 16/-. Sale Price, each, 12/-. Same quality. Size 68" x 104". Usual price, each, 18/6. Sale Price, each, 14/6.

Serviettes to match. Size 24" x 24". Usual price, per doz., 18/6. Sale Price, per dozen 14/6

Towels—Huckaback weave and Pure Irish Linen, Very Special Value. Size 22" x 40". Usual price, each, 2/3. Sale Price, each 1/6

Glass Cloths in fancy checks. Usual price, each, 8d. Sale Price, each ...... 6½D.

Calico Department

Bleached Sheets, twill or plain; guaranteed to wash and wear well; double bed size. Regular price, per pair, 11/6. Sale Price, per pair ... 8/11

Horrockses Superior Calico, slightly soiled on selvidge; 36" wide. Regular price, per yard, 11½d. Sale Price, per yard ...... 8½D.

Bleached Twill Sheets, heavy, soft make; guaranteed free from filling. Exceptional value, 70" x 90". Regular price, per pair, 13/6. Sale Price, per pair 10/6

Same quality, 80" x 99". Sale Price, per pair ... 12/6

Another Great Sheet Bargain—Superior Bleached Twill, single bed size; slightly soiled. Regular price, per pair, 9/6. Sale Price, per pair 6/11

Striped Flannelette, superior double warp, in stripes suitable for Pyjamas; 36" wide. Wonderful value. Regular price, per yard, 1/2. Sale Price, per yard ... 10½D.

Readymade Clothing Department

100 Men's Suits, all sizes, made from all wool Irish Tweeds, neat patterns; recommended for hard wear, £5 5/0. Sale Price 63/-

250 Men's Irish Tweed Suits. Brown, Grey, Heather Mixtures. Worth 65/-. Sale Price 42/-

200 Men's Navy Cheviot Tweed Suits. In Brown and Grey shades. Suitable for hard wear, perfectly cut and trimmed. Usual price, 55/-. Sale Price 37/6

500 Pairs Men's Heavy Tweed Trousers, all sizes; assorted colours. Made from materials for very hard wear. 12/6. Sale Price ... 8/11

250 Men's Heavy Grey Frieze Overcoats, all sizes, double-breast. Exceptional value, 63/-. Sale Price 35/-

150 Gent's Overcoats, in Fleece, Velour, Naps, etc., with half-belt and belt all round, in up-to-date shades and colourings, perfectly tailored; all new goods. 105/-, 95/-, 84/-, 63/-, 50/-. During Sale 98/-, 87/6, 75/-, 55/-, ... 40/-

Youths' and Boys' Heavy Winter Overcoats, in new shades, with and without belts, to fit Youths 12 to 17 years. 75/-, 65/-, 50/-, 35/-. Sale Prices 67/6, 57/6, 42/6, ... 30/-

To fit Boys 3 to 12 years. 35/-, 27/6, 21/-, 15/-. Sale Prices, 30/-, 22/6, 18/6 ...... 12/6

250 Boys' Tweed Suits, open knees. Grey, Brown and Fawn shades. Made from strong, hard wearing cloths for school wear. To fit boys 6 to 13 years. Usual prices, 35/-, 30/-, 25/-, 20/-. Sale Prices, 27/6, 22/6, 18/6 ...... 15/-

100 Boys' Suits, open knees; coats in sports shape and plain backs. Made from specially selected cloths, for school wear. To fit Boys 6 to 13 years. 50/-, 45/-, 37/6, 32/6, 26/-. Sale Prices, 42/-, 37/6, 30/-, 25/- 17/6

150 Youths' Long Trouser Suits, to fit Youths 12 to 17, in Browns, Greys, etc. Made specially for hard wear. 65/-, 55/-, 45/-, 37/6. Sale Prices 65/-, 47/6, 40/-, ... 32/6

Single and Double-breasted Chesterfield Overcoats, Grey Fleece, Vicuna and Frieze. Regular prices, 84/-, 75/-, 50/-, 47/6. Sale Prices, 75/-, 63/-, 42/- 35/-

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